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Kuwait won't bow to kidnappers

KUWAIT, Oct. 25. (Reuters): Kuwait is unlikely to bend to demands by a Lebanese group holding two American hostages that it should free 15 jailed terrorists, diplomats said today.
"I would be astonished if Kuwait made any changes in its policy," a Western diplomat said. "They are very firm on that count."
The pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad said in a typewritten statement delivered to an international news agency in Beirut yesterday that it would not release two Americans it seized four years ago unless Kuwait released the 15.
"There will be no solution to this issue if these demands are not met," said the four-page statement in Arabic accompanied by a photograph of hostage Terry Anderson. The group also says it was holding Thomas Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut.
The 15 jailed are among 17 people convicted of involvement in 1983 blasts in Kuwait that tore through the French and US embassies, the international airport and government installations, killing 10 people and wounding 86.
They were given sentences ranging from five years to death, but the executions were never carried out and two of the prisoners were released last year after finishing their terms.
"In the beginning, when the hostages were first seized, they were linked very closely to the Kuwaiti prisoners," said the diplomat. "They are now only reaffirming this."
In the last few years extremists trying to gain release of the prisoners have launched a series of attacks on Kuwaiti interests, including the hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner to Iran, Cyprus and Algeria in 1988 and an earlier hijacking to Tehran in which two American passengers were killed.
Kuwait has steadfastly refused to bow to their demands.

Christians accept plan

Aoun isolated, MPs to be protected

BEIRUT, Oct. 25. (Agencies): Lebanon's largest Christian militia and political parties today snubbed army chief General Michel Aoun by supporting a pact to end 14 years of civil war.
The move by the right wing Lebanese Front further isolated Aoun and his supporters who reject the Arab League peace plan agreed by 58 Muslim and Christian deputies in Taif, Saudi Arabia.
The front urged Lebanese leaders "to treat the Arab and international resolutions with flexibility in order to take advantage of their positive elements and limit their negative effects."
It said in a statement the Taif accord could "end all occupations, stop Syria's exclusive hold on Lebanon's fate and ensure all guarantees for the crusade of liberation, reconciliation and peace."

Aoun, who demands a swift timetable for total Syrian withdrawal, today repeated his rejection of the accord, describing it as an "unforgivable crime." The plan delays a final decision on Syrian troops until two years after political reforms.
Aoun, addressing about 2,800 students who visited his shell-blasted palace in Christian East Beirut in a show of support, said: "They (the deputies) should follow the right path and return to consciousness because your (the people's) punishment will be severe."

Aoun's supporters have threatened to kill Christian deputies when they return to Beirut but Aoun yesterday offered to protect them.
Reliable sources said Christian legislators were seeking guarantees for their safety before returning to Lebanon.
"They want to be sure that Aoun will not have them arrested," said one source.

In Saudi Arabia, the deputies opened a diplomatic offensive to bolster support for their plan, which has received wide Western and Arab backing as the best chance to end the war.
Six Christian members of parliament flew to Rome to seek Vatican backing and meet Patriarch Nasrallah Bustros Steir, the leaders of Lebanon's Christian Maronite community and a supporter of the pact.

A leading deputy, who did not wish to be identified, told Reuters Parliament would meet in Beirut to elect a new speaker and head of state by Nov. 7, as called for in the Arab plan.
Acting Speaker Hussein Al Hussein had earlier suggested the deputies might have to meet

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Fahaka: 29°C 84°F
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Kuwait: 51 per cent
Ahmad: 69 per cent
Fahaka: 70 per cent

17 killed in riots, Singh sees plot

NEW DELHI, Oct. 25. (Agencies): At least 13 people were reported killed today and four killed yesterday in Hindu-Muslim violence in north India and an opposition leader accused the ruling party of fomenting communal unrest to win votes in a general election next month.

Indian news agencies said today troops were called out after the killings in the town of Bhagalpur where communal violence has erupted in the past few days and where a curfew has been enforced.

In New Delhi, one of the country's best-known opposition leader accused Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party of prompting the violence to secure votes in general elections on Nov. 22, 24 and 26.

"The Congress has cooked up a plot to create communal violence in all Muslim strongholds in north India," Vishwanath Pratap Singh told reporters.

"Congress, fearing a sure defeat in the elections, will play a Hindu or Muslim card on Nov. 9 or put off the polls on the grounds of law and order," Singh charged.

"Riots will continue up to Nov. 9 when Congress agent provocateurs will attack mosques and create communal frenzy."

The focus of the latest communal flare-up is the town of Ayodhya in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh state where Hindus and Muslims are locked in a bitter dispute over a shrine both communities claim.

Hindu militants plan to start building a new shrine close to a mosque on Nov. 9, an act sure to inflame the Muslim minority whose vote could be crucial in the election.

The army was issued shoot-on-sight orders when arson and looting broke out despite a curfew. It was not immediately known if the killings occurred before or after the army was deployed.

A state government official contacted by telephone in Patna, Bihar's capital, said police found only six bodies of people killed today. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said at least 25 policemen were wounded in today's violence.

In a dispatch from Patna, UNI quoted Bihar Home Affairs Commissioner Jyoti Lal Arya as saying four people were killed and 25 injured yesterday in clashes and police fire in Bhagalpur. At least 90 people were arrested, Arya said.

Deaths
UNI gave no attribution for its report of 13 new deaths today.

Bhagalpur, on the Ganges river which is sacred to Hindus, is 180 kilometres (about 110 miles) east of Patna and 330 kilometres (about 220 miles) northwest of Calcutta.

The deaths raised to 37 the number of people killed in Hindu-Muslim clashes since Sunday in four villages stretching across a 200-kilometre (125-mile) swath of Bihar state, one of the poorest and most violent in India.

Lashes every Friday for teens

ABUDHABI, Oct. 25. (Reuters): Two Arab teenagers are to be publicly flogged every Friday for the next three months after each being sentenced to 50 lashes for theft.
A court official in Khor Fakkan, near Sharjah, in the UAE, said today the two, aged 16 and 18, had been jailed for 17 months in addition to the flogging.
"Each will be flogged 40 times in public every Friday," he said.



Up for grabs

Supporters of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi bear his portrait through old Delhi on Tuesday in the first campaign rally since the Indian leader called general elections for Nov. 22, 24, and 26. (Reuters wire-photo)



Ganging up

Pakistani opposition leader Nawaz Sharif (centre) joins hands with the leader of Mohajir Qaumi Movement Altaf Hossain (left) and another MQM official on Tuesday after a pledge to oust Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto through a no-confidence motion in Lower House of Parliament. (Reuters wire-photo)

Rajiv on the stumps, results uncertain

SULTANPUR, Oct. 25. (AP): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi yesterday travelled to India's most densely populated voter belt and filed papers that formally launched his quest for re-election.
After pledging to uphold the constitution and handing over a 500-rupee (30-dollar) fee, the 45-year-old prime minister drove through the town of 100,000.

Political analysts say next month's parliamentary election could be the closest in India's 42 years of independence.
Rajiv, emerging in public for the first time since new elections were announced a week ago, expressed

professed confidence that his Congress Party would return to power in the balloting on Nov. 22, 24 and 26.
"The people are going to help us win the election," said Rajiv, the first candidate to file in the Amethi constituency that he has represented since 1981.

Nominations opened on Monday and candidates have until the middle of next week to file.
So far, there has been no indication of who the opposition will choose to oppose Rajiv in this constituency. There has been speculation the prime minister might face Vishwanath Pratap Singh, a

former ally now trying to galvanize the opposition.
Under Indian law, candidates are not required to establish residence in a constituency.
"I would welcome this," Rajiv told reporters, "but he would lose."
The results are far from certain. The prime minister has been dogged for more than two years by charges of high-level corruption in his government.
Singh, perceived as indecisive in his efforts to unite opposition parties that span the ideological spectrum, is campaigning as honest and above corruption, just as Rajiv did five years ago. (See Page 2)



Once there was a home

A landslide slammed into a hillside slum and buried at least 20 people, said officials of mud, residents and officials said on Wednesday.
"Most of the dead are children," said community leader Maria das Gracas Paulinho.
The work was taking place near a group of high-rise luxury flats. Picture shows a boy sits desolately atop the remains of the shanty town where he lived. (Reuters wirephoto)

Filipino senator warns of drug syndicates

MANILA, Oct. 25. (AP): A senator warned today that the Philippines could become another Colombia, where drug lords are openly waging war against the government, if the government can't stop local and foreign syndicates operating here.

"Precisely, if we do not do something about this, there might come a time when we will see the spectacle of the Philippines becoming like Colombia, where drug lords even have armies, helicopters, planes and even tanks," said Sen. Alberto Romulo.
Romulo made the statement during a public hearing on charges last week by Sen. Ernesto Herrera that at least 17 military officials were protecting drug syndicates.
Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, chief of the Philippine constabulary, acknowledged during the hearing that some military men were involved in drug rings but said officials were doing their best to weed them out.
At least 40 officers and men have been relieved since Herrera's statement and assigned to combat units fighting communist guerrillas in the countryside, Montano said.
A criminal court in the northern Philippines has sentenced to life imprisonment a Swedish man for transporting 10 kilos (22 pounds) of hashish found inside two stuffed bears, the judge said today.

Fire forces 30,000 to flee homes in Philippines

MANILA, Oct. 25. (Reuters): Thirty-thousand people fled their homes when fire swept through a residential area of Manila today, gutting more than 2,000 houses, some of them flimsy shacks occupied by squatter families.
One person was killed and four injured, including three firemen, in the nine-hour blaze that destroyed property worth more than \$500,000 across a three-hectare (7.5-acre) area in the Pasay district of the Philippine capital.
More than 70 fire engines fought the blaze which broke out at 2 am.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Social Welfare said 6,303 families had been given shelter in schools and other public buildings.
"This is the worst fire to affect a residential area that I have seen since I came to this job about 10 years ago," arson investigator Sergeant Renato Recto said.
Investigators said they had not established the cause of the fire.
Residents said they suspected it started in a house where a woman and her husband were heard violently quarrelling just before the blaze broke out.

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Caste dominates selections for Indian polls

NEW DELHI, Oct 25. (Reuters). Caste has dominated the selection of candidates for India's November general elections, with political parties using the Hindu religion's rigid social system to try and gain an edge in a fierce contest.

Politicians said today most candidates were picked for the numerical strength of their castes in constituencies and the alignments they could forge with other groups.

The parties, expected to announce by Thursday the candidates for the polls on November 22, 24 and 26, placed their faith in caste because of the absence

of any major issue that could swing the election, they said.

The ancient caste system divides India's overwhelmingly Hindu population into broad categories which are elaborated into a baffling variety of subcastes and outcasts, from priestly Brahmins at the very top to Harijans, or untouchables, at the bottom.

The system has always played a key role in elections.

"But this time the fear of a close election is making caste for the first time in a decade emerge as a major

factor in picking candidates," admitted Rangarajan Kumaramangalam, a leader of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party.

Kumaramangalam, pointing to the flood of Congress members pouring into the party headquarters in New Delhi, said many of them would have to prove the acceptability of their caste in their constituency before securing the candidacy.

"I can tell who is a Brahmin by his bearing, a Thakur by his arrogance and the Harijan by his timidity," boasted one politician of the right wing

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Rajni Kothari of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, an independent think-tank, said certain caste alignments could decide the election result.

"But at the bottom of the whole issue is the conflict between the landed aristocracy and the Brahmins," said Kothari.

The conflict was caused by a Thakur bid in the past two decades to regain the political power they had lost to Brahmins, who traditionally occupied only an advisory role to rulers.

Eagles swoop down on Lanka, 26 killed

Security men detained for looting and rape

COLOMBO, Oct 25. (Agencies). The bodies of 26 young men, their throats slashed, were strewn across a road in the Sri Lankan town of Kandy today and 10 other people were also killed there by death squads, residents and military source said.

The 26 youths were believed to have been killed in revenge for the

killing yesterday of seven members of a policeman's family by Sinhalese rebels in Kandy district, a guerrilla stronghold in central province. Residents said the massacre took place near the home of the murdered family. A vigilante group called "The Eagles" claimed responsibility in a poster left near the bodies.



A group of villagers examine the body of an alleged army informer in Kandy, after he was killed by the People's Liberation Front on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Dhaka protests Benazir remarks on Biharis

DHAKA, Oct 25. (Reuters). Dhaka has protested informally at remarks by Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto in which she offered little hope that 260,000 Biharis living in Bangladesh refugee camps would find new homes in Pakistan. Foreign Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud said.

"We have already protested informally and a formal one may follow after we have got full details of her remarks," he told a news conference yesterday.

Benazir said last Friday there was a problem over the number of Biharis who want to go to the south-

ern Pakistan province of Sind, and fierce opposition from within Sind.

The Biharis fled the north Indian state of Bihar when India and Pakistan were carved from British India in 1947 and settled in former East Pakistan, now Bangladesh.

They call themselves stranded Pakistanis because of their support for the Pakistani military during Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971. Most have since been living in camps awaiting transfer to Pakistan.

Military sources said 20 other people were killed in separate incidents in Sri Lanka in the 24 hours ending this morning.

A Buddhist monk and a school principal were gunned down by People's Liberation Front rebels fighting to topple the government.

Pro-government vigilantes have killed hundreds of young men in revenge attacks over the past few weeks in Kandy district, where security forces are led by the island's most feared anti-terrorist policeman who is warring out the guerrillas with ruthless efficiency.

The government denies that members of the security forces are involved in the death squads, whose members roar around in Japanese-made jeeps brandishing automatic rifles.

But there is widespread evidence of official involvement.

Senior military officials today confirmed newspaper reports of a government investigation into alleged atrocities by Sri Lankan soldiers and policemen.

One official said about 30 to 40 security men had been detained on charges of looting, rape and extortion in the past six months during an all-out assault by the armed forces against guerrillas.

Five policemen in a Colombo suburb were arrested last week and charged with raping a young Sinhalese woman they detained for questioning after claiming she belonged to the rebel People's Liberation Front, Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said.

Police also arrested four army lieutenants who allegedly posed as front members and tried to extort money from a wealthy businessman in Wellawatte, just south of Colombo, he added.

Wijeratne, who is also deputy defence minister, said at least 20 policemen and soldiers have been arrested for serious crimes committed in the past month.

Lt Gen. Hamilton Wanasinghe, the army commander, confirmed the arrests of a score of security men. "If proved guilty, they will be dealt with most severely," he said.

The officials commented after the Sun, an independent newspaper, voiced concern about an increase in the number of serious crimes blamed on police.

Wijeratne said police shot and killed an army lieutenant and corporal when they tried to rob an automobile spare parts shop in a Colombo suburb last week.

Officials said another contingent of Indian troops were returning home today from Sri Lanka's eastern Ampara district, leaving it free of control by Indian forces for the first time in two years.

"Ampara is now free of Indian troops. Security is now in the hands of the police and the civilian volunteer force," a spokesman for the northeast province council said by telephone from the eastern port city of Trincomalee.

In July 1987, India sent about 50,000 troops to Sri Lanka's North and East to help crush a separatist rebellion by minority Tamils. Only about 35,000 remain, according to officials in the area.

Military sources said front rebels ambushed a police jeep in central Sri Lanka today, shot dead six officers and fled with their victims' guns and a police payroll totalling 57,000 rupees (\$1,425).



Facing the press

Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto addresses a news conference after returning from a Commonwealth meeting in Kuala Lumpur, one day before parliamentary opposition announced a no-confidence motion aimed at toppling her 11-month-old minority government. (Reuters wirephoto)

Damn the dam, activists urge

Indians appeal to Hill

WASHINGTON, Oct 25. (AP):

Activists from India asked members of Congress yesterday to help stop World Bank support of a gigantic dam project they said threatens to displace thousands of people without compensation and cause an environmental disaster.

The project will turn 100,000 farmers into migrant labourers and benefit mainly politicians, contractors and agricultural lobbies, Medha Patkar, a sociologist representing the Save the Narmada Action Committee, told the natural resources subcommittee of the Lower House of Congress.

One hundred thirty-one cities north of Bombay will receive 90 per cent of the project's benefits, she said, with only 10 per cent of the benefit going to 4,720 villages.

Indian economist Vijay Paranjpye said he has calculated that flawed calculations and cost overruns were so serious that India "will not be able to complete the project in 25 years."

Planned large-scale irrigation projects are inappropriate for the particular region in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Mad-

hya Pradesh, he said.

But the World Bank is not interested in more labour-intensive, capital-saving projects to rehabilitate traditional irrigation systems, because they do attract the interest of large construction interests favoured by the Bank, said Paranjpye. Paranjpye analysed the project for the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage.

Democratic congressman James Scheuer, chairman of the natural resources panel, said the Narmada valley dam may be an example of development projects that "undervalue the costs associated with environmental degradation and human displacement."

Scheuer said 60,000 of the dam's "intended beneficiaries" demonstrated against its construction in September in India.

The United States is the largest contributor to the World Bank and "US taxpayer's dollars helped finance the project," thus Congress should investigate accusations that the Narmada dam was approved without proper environmental impact studies or resettlement plans, he said.

French hijab controversy

'Recognise Islam'

PARIS, Oct 25. (UPI). Paris mosque rector Sheikh Tedjini Haddam called yesterday for official recognition of Islam in France amid a mounting controversy over whether female Muslim students should be allowed to cover their hair with scarves in public schools.

The scarf issue is "an excuse," said Haddam. "It has been overly enlarged, dramatised. Beneath it, I fear, lies the political calculations of those who oppose the integration of the Muslim community in French society."

Haddam called for civic changes that would take into account "the right to freedom of speech and opinion" for people of all religions.

"The Muslim community of French nationality should have the same rights and obligations as other citizens," said Haddam. With three million followers, Islam has become the second largest religion in France.

The controversy began earlier this month when three Muslim students at public school in the suburbs of Paris were expelled when they refused to remove scarves from their heads.

Abernathy lied about King, says Rev Bernard Lee

ATLANTA, Oct 25. (AP). A minister has backed up claims that Rev. Ralph David Abernathy lied when he wrote that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had two encounters with women the night before he was killed.

Abernathy's autobiography, "And the Walls Came Tumbling Down," suggests that King had extramarital affairs and contends he was with two women and physically fought with a third the night before his April 4, 1968, assassination in Memphis, Tennessee. The book has been widely criticised by others in the civil rights movement.

At a news conference in Washington yesterday, the Rev. Bernard Lee said Abernathy had passed out drunk on the night in question.

Lee's statement supports a charge made earlier by Adjua

Abi Naantaanbuu, a Memphis woman who said she was with King and Abernathy the night before King was killed. Ms. Naantaanbuu, who appeared with Lee at the news conference, said Abernathy asked her to prepare dinner for King's group at her home and Abernathy had several drinks.

"Following dinner, Rev. Abernathy, who had too much to drink, asked (Ms. Naantaanbuu) if he could lie down on her bed," Lee said. "She directed him to her bedroom, where he remained asleep until about 3 a.m."

Ms. Naantaanbuu said the only time she was alone with King was when they were trying to awaken Abernathy. She said she drove King, Abernathy and Lee back to the Lorraine motel, where King was assassinated hours later.

Ten injured in river bus accident: Ten people were slightly injured yesterday when a river bus bumped into Southwark bridge on the River Thames, near where a pleasure boat sank in August and killed 29 people, police said.

The Thames Line vessel collided with a barge of the bridge after apparently suffering steering failure, police said. The dented boat was taken out of service and the government's marine accident branch started investigating.

Police said the passengers received only minor injuries. One person was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg.

The Marchioness, a pleasure boat chartered for an overnight birthday party, sank near Southwark bridge in central London on Aug. 20 after colliding with the Bowditch, a sand-and-gravel dredger. (AP)

Seattle ranked top: Seattle, Washington has again been voted the best place to live in the US.

"Places Rated Almanac," echoing a similar finding in August by "Money" magazine, cited several factors as reasons for the popularity of this city in America's northwest. Puget Sound and other spectacular scenery were among the most important.

Residents here in the nation's capital had to be satisfied with only fourth place in the "Places Rated" survey. The ratings of desirable places to live involved 333 areas.

Some analysts found the rankings a bit misleading, though, noting that Washington, DC has the nation's highest murder rate (over 360 last year), and that Seattle's top employer, Boeing Aircraft, has 40 per cent of its workforce on strike.

Criteria for selecting cities or metropolitan areas are costs, jobs, crime, transit, education, art, recreation and climate. (Kuna)

Dying man's blink: A jury convicted a man of criminally negligent homicide after his dying friend implicated him with the blink of an eye.

Frederick Sannicandro, dying in a hospital from a gunshot wound and unable to speak because of a breathing tube in his throat, blinked once for "yes" when police asked him whether his friend, Frank Zollbrecht, had shot him.

Asked if it was an accident, Sannicandro blinked twice for "no", police officers testified.

A Westchester jury Tuesday found Zollbrecht guilty in the June 1988 shooting during drunken horseplay at the bakery where Zollbrecht worked.

Police interviewed Sannicandro, 38, as he was taken into surgery for a gunshot wound to the abdomen, according to testimony at the two-week trial. He died shortly after the operation. (AP)

Shaw's birthplace to become museum: Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw's birthplace will become a museum, said the group that bought the yellow brick rowhouse for 100,000 Irish pounds (\$160,000).

Nora Lever, head of the Shaw Birthplace Museum Trust, said yesterday the group will restore the eight-room house near the centre of Dublin to the way it was when Shaw was born there in 1856.

Shaw and his family lived in the house at 33 Synge St for 10 years. "We were very, very pleased about the purchase," said Ma Lever, whose grandfather went to school with Shaw.

"We have been at the house for some time, and looked forward to it becoming the basis of any appropriate permanent commemoration of one of Ireland's greatest literary sons in the city of his birth."

The house went up for auction in Dublin last month, but failed to reach the reserve price set by the owners. (AP)

Thieves take church wall away: How does a thief steal a fresco? Why, take the wall away with it, of course.

Police in Camerino, central Italian town reported yesterday that a 17th-century fresco in an abandoned church vanished along with the wall of which it had been painted.

Police said the thieves apparently acted with ease because the area is rural countryside with few people.

The police were unable to immediately estimate the artistic or commercial value of the fresco. (AP)

Two killed in explosion: Explosions that may have been caused by illegal fireworks leveled one house and set two others on fire, killing at least two people and injuring 13 others, authorities said.

Crews worked into the night searching the rubble for other possible victims of the Tuesday blast, said fire chief Jim Orreman.

He said illegal fireworks were suspected as the cause of the explosions in Conneaut, a city of 13,000 on Lake Erie at the northeast corner of Ohio.

The fire chief initially said the explosion killed three people, but later revised the number to two, saying he had been incorrectly told that one injured person had died.

Brian Hubbard, an investigator with the Ashtabula County Coroner's office, confirmed two deaths.

Orreman said firefighters found devices that looked like fireworks in the home where the explosion and two subsequent blasts occurred just before noon. (AP)

Lottery craze in New Zealand: Prize-hungry New Zealanders have gone through almost every instant lottery ticket in the country, and now have nothing to scratch but their heads.

In just one month, the population of 3.2 million has feverishly scraped and scratched its way through 48 million "instant Kiwi" tickets, a supply that was supposed to last three months.

The game has been so popular that tickets have all but disappeared from New Zealand shops, and organisers have commissioned printers in Canada, the United States, Australia and the Netherlands to print 130 million new ones, expected to arrive next week.

In the game, players scratch at six panels to reveal numbers. Anyone who finds three identical numbers can claim prizes from a break-even one dollar (\$9 US cents) to 10,000 dollars (\$5,900).

A poll conducted for the lotteries commission showed that 60 per cent of adults have played instant Kiwi. But not everyone is happy with the new craze.

"I demand that this Labour government take immediate action to stop this social disease, which will have the same impact as the 'black death' (plague) in London in 1349," said Conservative opposition politician John Carter.

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Bakker gets 45 years jail

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CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Oct 25, (AP): Televangelist Jim Bakker has begun serving a 45-year prison sentence, two-years-after his empire began crumbling in a scandal mixing religion, sex and money.

Bakker was given the prison sentence and a \$500,000 fine yesterday on 24 counts of defrauding his followers for his own enrichment.

"I have sinned. But never in my life did I intend to defraud," the 49 year old Bakker told federal judge Robert Potter who is nicknamed "Maximum Bob" for his penchant for stiff sentences.

Bakker was taken after the sentencing to a medium-security federal prison in Talladega, Alabama.

Bakker was among the most popular of the fundamentalist Christian evangelists whose influence and prosperity soared in the 1980s, in tandem with the rising popularity of conservative politics and economic well-being in the country.

He headed the television ministry called PTL — an acronym for "Praise The Lord" and "People That Love." He also established a Christian resort and theme park called Heritage USA, and he and his wife, Tammy Faye, wrote many books.

Bakker and other evangelists often provoked contempt from people who disdained their histrionics, their frequent solicitations of money and their

theology based on a literal interpretation of the Bible. But millions of others were devoted to them and sent money to their ministries.

The first blow to rock PTL was in 1987 when it was revealed that Bakker had had a sexual tryst with a church secretary, Jessica Hahn, and that she was paid \$265,000 to keep silent about it. Bakker quit PTL and the ministry filed for bankruptcy a few months later. That prompted the investigation that resulted in charges.

Bakker was convicted of misapplying \$3.7 million in followers' donations for his own use, including luxurious homes, fancy cars and lavish trips. The money was among the \$158 million sent by followers called "lifetime partners" who were supposed to be guaranteed three nights annual free lodging at Heritage USA. But the court found that Bakker sold such guarantees when he knew rooms weren't available.

The six-week trial was marked with dramatic moments and startling testimony. At one point, Bakker was committed to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation after he was found hallucinating and cowering under his attorney's couch.

Miss Hahn said she wasn't satisfied with the sentence. "It cannot repay those millions of dollars, and the years of work people did to make it, but at least it's a start," Hahn said from her West Hollywood, California, home.



Bakker, with shackles around his feet and hands, is led away from US district court by federal marshals. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gabor throws a dinner party hours after sentence

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Oct 25, (Reuters): Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor threw a dinner party in a Beverly Hills restaurant yesterday, just hours after being sentenced to three days in jail and fined \$12,000 for slapping a Beverly Hills policeman.

"She only drank mineral water," said the head waiter at Giuseppe, Gabor's favourite Beverly Hills restaurant where she dined with her eighth husband, friends and lawyers on roast peppers and cold salmon.

Her publicity agent said it was doubtful she would appeal against her sentence, which also includes 120 hours of work in a shelter for homeless women.

"If you strike a cop you go to jail," municipal judge Charles Rubin told Gabor as he passed sentence.

"If I was to let my emotions loose in this case, I assure you, you would have been sentenced to a longer term," the judge told Hungarian-born Gabor, who says she is 58

although reference books list her age as 68.

He ordered her to put her real age on her driving licence and read Gabor what amounted to the riot act for slapping policeman Paul Kramer last June and verbally abusing witnesses during the trial and then lambasting the jury.

Gabor could be jailed for up to 18 months if she does not follow the terms of the sentence, the judge said, placing her on probation for two years.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

WASHINGTON: A man with a knife who tried to rob a passerby on the sidewalk next to the White House grounds Tuesday was arrested by the secret service, police said.

The passerby was cut on the head and several uniformed secret service officers were bruised when the secret service officers wrestled the knife away from the suspect, James A. Lee police said. (AP)

NEW YORK: Edward Ware Barrett, the founder of the Columbia Journalism Review and a leading figure in American journalism, has died after a long illness. He was 79.

Barrett, who suffered a stroke five-years-ago, died Monday at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, Connecticut. Columbia University announced. He served as dean of the university's graduate school of journalism in New York from 1956-68. (AP)

WEST LAFAYETTE, Indiana: Purdue University senior John Vellinger Monday was hovering over a second generation of space chicks as they began coming out of their shells in incubators.

The chicks were the offspring of 32 chickens that travelled as embryos on the space shuttle Discovery last March for a study by Vellinger on the effects of weightlessness. (UPI)

PASADENA, California: Yasmine Delawari, 17-year-old daughter of Afghan immigrants, Tuesday was named queen of the 101st Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's day.

Delawari, a senior at La Canada High School, gasped when it was announced that she had been chosen from among the seven members of the royal court, who earlier were picked from 300 young women.

"I tried out because everybody in my community tried out and like any other girl, I suppose it's a dream, Delawari said. "I just don't think anybody really thinks it's going to come true."

As for the parade, seen by hundreds of millions of people worldwide and which this year carries the theme, "A World Of Harmony," she said, "I can't wait." (UPI)

WASHINGTON: The national research council in the US has set new recommended dietary allowances — known as Rdas — for essential vitamins and minerals in the American diet that contain significant changes in the amounts needed to stay healthy.

The new dietary allowances reduce the recommended daily intake of a number of vitamins and minerals, including sodium, iron, folic acid and vitamin B12.

They increase the recommended daily calcium intake for Americans under 25 and, for the first time, establish recommended intake levels for vitamins K — important in blood clotting — and the trace element selenium. (Kuna)

LOS ANGELES: It's hard to get a straight answer on any subject from comedian Judy Tenuta, who calls herself the empress of Elvis impersonators, baroness of boccie ball and self-appointed love goddess.

Asked where she lives, the woman who is on the road 37 weeks a year wielding an accordion and sarcasm replied:

"I'm usually on seat 13-A of Air Turkey. I don't have a pad yet. What I'm hoping to do is buy a \$7-billion mansion in Malibu and knock it down and build a little house."

Tenuta said she is working on a book for Harper and Row "The Power of Judyism." (AP)

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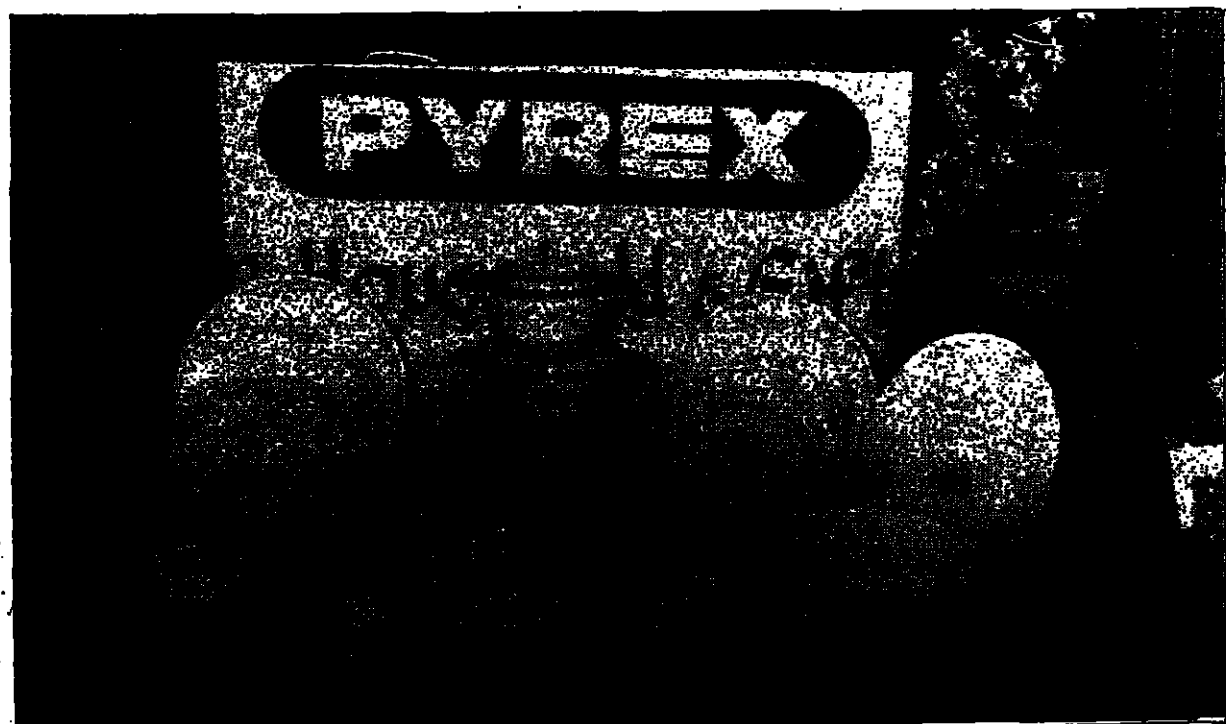
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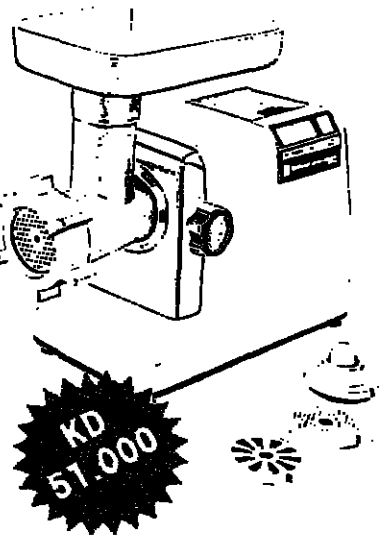
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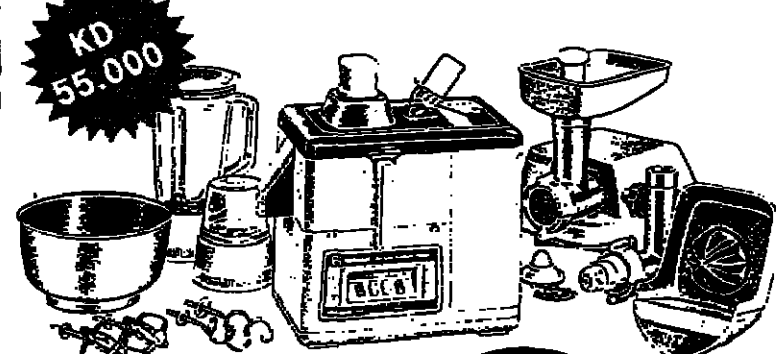
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Ice age taking its toll in US

Crack pales by comparison

WASHINGTON, Oct 25, (AP): The illicit use of a smokeable methamphetamine called 'ice' has reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii and could become an even greater threat to the United States than crack cocaine, Hawaiian officials told lawmakers.

"The ice problem is so bad that crack pales by comparison," Honolulu police chief Douglas G. Gibb said yesterday during testimony before the lower house of Congress' Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

"Ice is cheaper to produce, gives users a

very long, steady high, and is more addictive. "Ice is odourless and can be smoked in public with little danger of detection," he said. "This factor, as well as the long-lasting high and the ready availability of the drug, have made it the drug of choice for on-the-job use in Honolulu."

The hearing focused on 'ice', the Asian-produced crystalline form of methamphetamine that has hit Hawaii and some cities on the West Coast, and on the re-emergence of powdered methamphetamine, known as 'crack', 'speed' and 'meth.'

US Attorney Daniel Bent told the committee, "even if ice just replaces crack among its current and prospective users, we may experience a higher level of violence because, in early reports, we have noted that ice users are often more violent than crack users."

In addition, he said, "Ice is likely to spread into a larger part of the population base than crack... because, here in Hawaii, ice use has spread quickly among blue collar and service workers and has established itself in the workplace."

Court to subpoena Reagan papers

WASHINGTON, Oct 25, (AP): Former White House aide John Poindexter is entitled to subpoena "relevant" notes and diaries from ex-president Ronald Reagan, a federal judge said in setting Jan 22 as the starting date for Poindexter's Iran-Contra trial.

US district court Judge Harold Greene said yesterday that Poindexter maintained in sealed papers submitted to the court that, in daily private discussions with Reagan about the Iran-Contra affair, the president presided over decisions that triggered criminal charges against Poindexter.

Greene rejected a request by Poindexter for permission to subpoena notes of then-vice president Bush. The judge said Poindexter has failed to show that Bush might have authorised Poindexter's activities, which are alleged to have been part of a coverup of secret arms sales to Iran and diversion of the profits to Nicaraguan rebels.

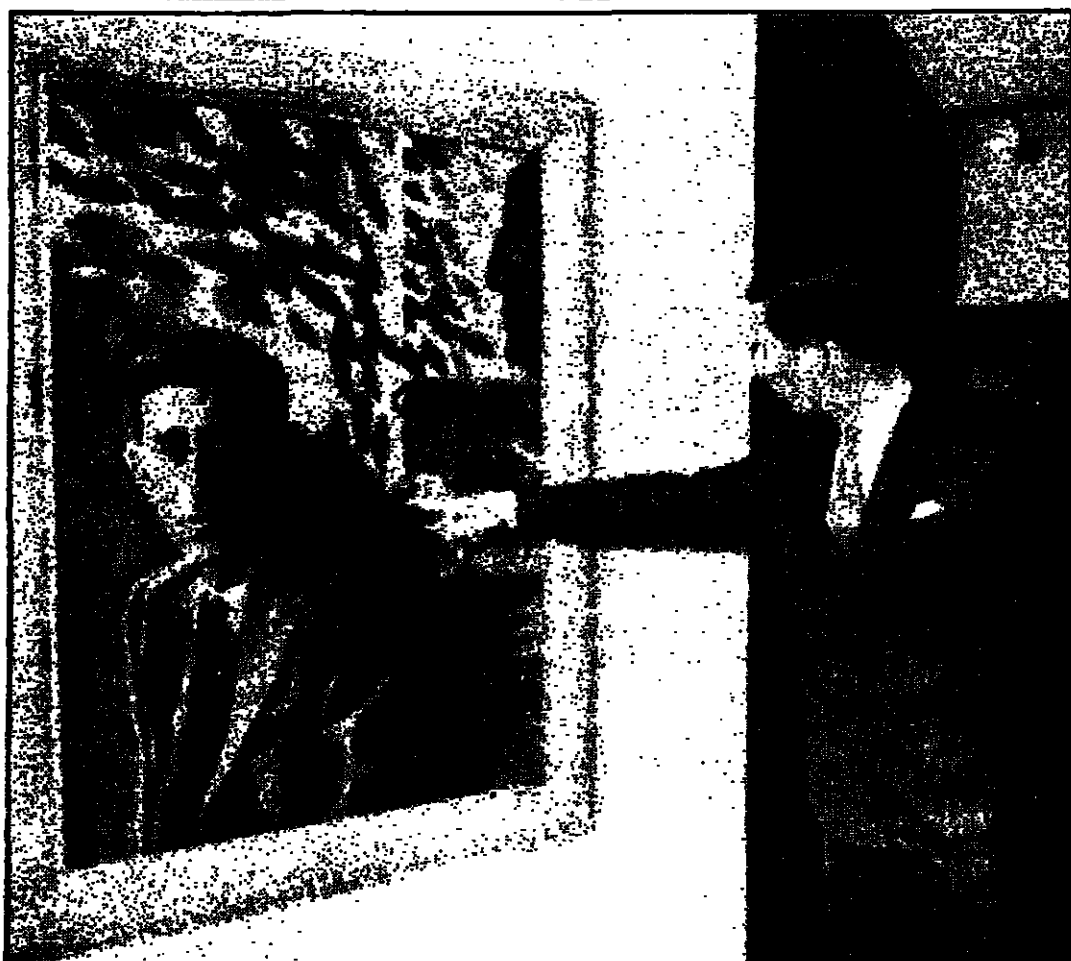
Greene held open the possibility that Poindexter might be allowed to press for documents from Bush at a later time if he can show "a more pressing need." Poindexter was Reagan's national security adviser and the boss of Oliver North, who has already been convicted of charges related to Iran-Contra.

Poindexter asserts that he met with Reagan daily, frequently alone, and that they routinely discussed the role of Iran-Contra co-defendant Richard Secord as a middleman in the transfer of arms to Iran and many other aspects of the arms to Iran and many other aspects of the affair, said the judge.

According to Greene, Poindexter maintains in the sealed papers that Reagan was briefed about a false chronology of the administration's arms sales to Iran involving four of the criminal charges against Poindexter.

The chronology stated that no one in the US government knew before January 1986 that a November 1985 shipment to Iran contained Hawk missiles. The CIA assisted the shipment without a signed presidential finding as required by law.

Poindexter asserts that Reagan, on the false chronology and other matter, either "formulated the administration's position" or entertained Poindexter's plans without voicing any objection.



Self-portrait

The Prince of Wales examines a newly commissioned portrait of himself at the Dean Clough Art Gallery on Oct 24. Although he had seen photographs of the painting, it was the first time Prince Charles actually saw the finished painting.

The portrait, by Tom Wood, a Yorkshire artist, shows a casually dressed, sombre looking Prince surrounded by leaf-like shapes and symbolism. (Reuter wirephoto)

US children suffer Deaths by gun

WASHINGTON, Oct 25, (UPI): More than one of out every 10 childhood deaths in the United States during 1987 was caused by a gun, a government report said yesterday.

The National Centre for Health Statistics said firearms killed 3,392 people ages one through 19 in 1987 — the last year for which complete statistics are available — accounting for 11 per cent of what are defined as childhood deaths.

The centre's report, based on state death certificates and World Health Organisation statistics, included firearm deaths from homicide, suicide and unintentional injuries.

The proportion of deaths caused by firearms rose with age — from 1 per cent at ages 1 to 4 to 17 per cent among teenagers. Black male teenagers were at the highest risk, with more than 40 per cent of all deaths caused by guns.

Between 1968 and 1987, overall firearm-related deaths remained steady in the United States — except among teenagers, for whom the death rate rose from 10.1 per 100,000 in 1968 to 14.7 in 1987, the centre said.

The report also said the United States "is unique" among industrialised nations in the number of young people killed by guns.

In 1986, when there were 1,043 firearm-related homicides among US males ages 15 to 19, there were six in Canada and two in Japan. In 1985, there were no firearm-related homicides among teen-age males in England, Wales or Sweden.

"We are losing our youth — not only to disease — but increasingly to injury and violence," Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said in releasing the report.

Poison rumour sweeps Jakarta

JAKARTA, Oct 25, (Reuter): President Suharto today ordered Indonesian authorities to restore calm over wide-spread rumours, which have already led to one lynching, that food and water supplies are being poisoned.

More than 40 people, mostly children, have died in recent months from eating contaminated biscuits. Now speculation is rife, especially in the capital, that a mysterious group is deliberately poisoning food in markets.

"President Suharto is very concerned about this situation. He has ordered the authorities to take measures to handle the case so that calm can be restored in society," state secretary Mardiono told reporters.

He said the issue over contaminated biscuits "has been used by certain people in an irresponsible way. There are rumours such as that poison has been spread in public water supplies, cigarettes and food... They could disturb our economic and national development."

One person has been killed and several injured by angry mobs accusing them of poisoning food. Mardiono did not name any group but the national daily Merdeka quoted the director of investigation at police headquarters, Koespartono Irsana, as saying that according to the rumours women in Jilbab (Muslim veil) were laying the poison.

Although Indonesia is home to the largest Muslim community, only a minority of women wear the veil.

Government officials say Islamic fundamentalists, who oppose the state ideology, pose one of the greatest threats to the country's stability.

Extraditions will continue: Bogota

France, Spain want banks to open books

BOGOTA, Oct 25, (AP): The state council has said Colombia will keep extraditing drug traffickers sought in the United States and will not negotiate with the cocaine-smuggling cartels.

A car-bomb exploded in Cartagena last night hours after the government rejected peace talks with the country's cocaine barons and vowed to continue extraditing accused traffickers.

The blast in Colombia's leading tourist town, 400 miles (650 km) northwest of Bogota, damaged buildings but caused no injuries.

Police said the car, containing around 40 pounds (18 kg) of dynamite, exploded outside a building site and had probably been abandoned by the attackers before they reached their real target.

The blast followed a toughly-worded statement from the government ruling out negotiations with the country's drug cartels to end the violence which has swept Colombia for the past two months.

Son of Lehder verdict delay

Jury quit for day

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, Oct 25, (AP): Jurors who began deliberating yesterday in the trial of five US citizens charged with conspiring with Colombian drug-kingpin Carlos Lehder recessed without reaching a verdict.

The jury, which heard from almost 80 defence and prosecution witnesses, was given the case shortly before noon Tuesday after US district judge John H. Moore II read a lengthy set of jury instructions. Deliberations were due to resume today.

On the trial were Jack Carlton Reed, 59, who was convicted with Lehder last year on drug conspiracy charges and sentenced to 15 years in prison; Thomas Herring, 35; Attorney Barry Kane, 52; Donald Lady, 41; and air-charter service owner Samuel T. Stewart, 53.

All five were charged with conspiracy to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine.

The case, which grew out of an investigation that followed Lehder's trial, was dubbed the "Son of Lehder" by prosecutors.

Attorney Raymond David, representing Lady, completed the final arguments Tuesday morning.

"The government is grasping at straws," he said, letting red soda-straws fall from his hand

onto the floor. "Carlos Lehder is a drug baron and bad dude, but I don't know what he has to do with the people sitting over there at the (defence) table."

The government, however, contended that the five on trial were part of the Lehder organisation, either as pilots, drug sellers or in other capacities.

Lehder, 40, was extradited from Colombia, convicted last year and sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole for running a massive smuggling operation. Lehder is reputed to be one of the founders of Colombia's cocaine-smuggling Medellin organisation, which is believed to be responsible for much of the cocaine that enters the United States.

A federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted five men on charges they smuggled tons of cocaine into Los Angeles in an operation that ended after a warehouse raid netted a record 21 tons of cocaine.

The five men, all arrested in connection with the Sept 28 warehouse raid, operated businesses in El Paso, Texas, Ruidoso, New Mexico and Los Angeles that were designed to distribute "ton-quantities of cocaine," according to the conspiracy indictment.



Galileo ejected

The space probe 'Galileo' and its inertial ejects from its cradle-like device (left) aboard the space shuttle 'Atlantis' Oct 18 to begin its six-year journey to the planet Jupiter. The deployment of Atlantis is taken from film shot by Atlantis crew upon their return. (Return wirephoto)

Mom dies in crash

Shock of lifetime

SKEGNESS, England, Oct 25, (AP): A man driving home after an overseas vacation rushed to help victims of a coach crash and discovered his mother was the sole fatality, a relative said yesterday.

Simon Miles, 24, arrived minutes after a coach skidded on a rain-slicked bend and overturned into a ditch on Monday.

He had just driven 250 miles (240 kilometres) from London's Gatwick airport after a vacation in Malta. His 50-year-old mother, Marian, was returning the same day from a vacation in Italy.

Mrs Jacklin said her grandson ran to the coach when he heard cries for help and the first person he helped out of the wreckage turned out to be his mother's friend, Jack Milburn.

"Then it came to him that his mum was in there," she said. "He couldn't bring himself to go back inside. It was a terrible shock for him when he realised she was dead."

Simon, Garfunkel, selected to rock hall of fame

CLEVELAND, Oct 25, (AP): The Who, Bobby Darin, the Four Tops and Simon and Garfunkel were among eight recording artists selected yesterday to the rock and roll hall of fame.

They will be inducted in January in New York City along with the Four Seasons, the Kinks, the Platters and Hank Ballard in the class of 1990.

Their selections bring to 43 the number of recording acts chosen for the hall of fame.

In addition to the recording artists, three

'early influencers' were selected to be honouring at the as-yet unbuilt hall of fame and museum — jazz singer-trumpeter Louis Armstrong, jazz guitarist Charlie Christian and blues pioneer Ma Rainey.

Rock music historian Norm N. Nite, who has two syndicated radio rock 'n' roll oldies shows, called the latest group of selections "a good cross section" of musical style. Nite, a member of the rock hall board, said the class represents an effort to honour entertainers who are long overdue for recognition.

"We're trying to get caught up on a lot of people owed getting in. As years go by, it will get tighter and tighter," Nite said.

Two songwriting teams will be inducted in the non-performing music industry category, although some have been important performers as well. The writers include the teams of Brian Holland, Lamont Dozier and Eddie Holland, and Gerry Goffin and Carole King.

The hall of fame and museum is to open in 1992.

Coup bid lacked support of US

MIAMI LAKES, Florida, Oct 25, (AP): The highest-ranking survivor of the Panama coup attempt depicted a rebellion marked by disorganisation, indecision and uncertain goals, and said the lack of US support also contributed to the plot's failure.

Capt. Javier Licona, 36, escaped the killings and arrests that followed the Oct 3 coup's collapse because he had been sent to the US Fort Clayton to ask why American troops were not helping. The Americans had been asked to cut off roads and buzz airports to block loyalists from coming to support Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, Licona said.

Coup leader Maj. Moises Giroldi was among those killed after Noriega defeated the coup and retained his de facto control of the country.

Since arriving in Miami in the coup's aftermath, Licona had kept silent until relatives joined him and he underwent US debriefings.

Yesterday, Licona said Giroldi told him the United States promised support at a secret meeting the night of Oct 1.

"But when I arrived, Gen. Cisneros knew nothing of the support they were supposed to give us," Licona said. Maj. Gen. Marc Cisneros is commander of the US Army South.

"Panamanian military planes had already left to transport in the troops to support Gen. Noriega. It was too late," Licona said, adding that he couldn't explain why the US commander wouldn't have known about any promised support.

Licona said Giroldi told him little because the coup leader wanted to keep the plans secret and compartmentalised.

However, Licona said that when Giroldi was holding Noriega during the coup attempt, he seemed unsure about what to do with him.

"He remained under Noriega's influence... he had been very loyal to the general," Licona said. Giroldi wanted Noriega to leave power peacefully, but said he could remain in Panama, Licona said.

"Noriega in turn, peppered Giroldi with questions about who would lead Panama's military after the coup. Licona said Giroldi gave no clear answers.

The captain said he later heard from Giroldi's widow that the coup leader, to avoid personal responsibility, wanted a US helicopter to land in the military headquarters and remove Noriega. But Licona said Giroldi never personally mentioned such plans to him.

Boren: no problem with Bush

WASHINGTON, Oct 25, (AP): The powerful Democrat who heads the Senate Intelligence Committee said yesterday that he and Republican President George Bush have "no philosophical difference" on easing guidelines for involvement by CIA operatives in coups.

Sen. David Boren, responding to reporters' questions, said he wanted to clear up ambiguities in the guidelines within "a matter of days or a few weeks as opposed to months."

Saying that reports of disagreement with Bush were greatly exaggerated, Boren said, "We're working in perfect harmony. We have not had a quarrelsome word about it. We have no philosophical difference."

Bush had similar remarks

about Boren the day before.

The unsuccessful coup attempt against Panamanian Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega brought to light a series of classified guidelines that restrict the actions of CIA officials under a longstanding prohibition against assassinations.

Bush reportedly complained last week in a private meeting that an understanding reached between his predecessor, Ronald Reagan, and the Senate Intelligence Panel could, if narrowly interpreted, require the United States to warn Noriega of any coup that might endanger his life.

Boren confirmed that his committee and Reagan advisers reached an understanding last year to restrict covert activities against Noriega because of the presidential elections in the United States.

"The committee said, 'Let's wait — we've got an election season — to let the new president-elect have some input into it,'" Boren said.

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Emergency medical personnel work to remove Carol (left) and Charles Stewart from their car after a man forced his way into their car, robbed and shot them in the Mission Hill district in Boston. (Reuter wirephoto)

Missing 23 in blast feared killed

PASADENA, Texas, Oct. 25. (Agencies): Crews began searching with heavy equipment today to clear tons of twisted, blackened rubble at a plastics plant, where a series of explosions and fire may have killed up to 23 workers, officials said.

Two bodies have been recovered.

"They have moved in equipment overnight and they are beginning the process of searching for the missing," said Dick Robinson, Phillips director of community affairs. "It's liable to be a slow process, but they are working in that area now and we'll take whatever time it takes to find them."

Robinson indicated it was unlikely that anyone in the debris is still alive.

"We always hope for the best but..." he trailed off. Miles (kilometres) of charred strings of pipe from Monday's accident were piled haphazardly around the Phillips Petroleum Co. plant. Some buildings are gone, and eight giant reactors now look like huge, smashed tin cans.

"Any employee in that wreckage probably didn't survive," said Jere Smith, Phillips' director of public relations, looking at the scene.

Officials at the company's Bartlesville, Oklahoma, headquarters late yesterday released a list of 19 missing Phillips employees and said four contract workers were also missing. Robinson said the two bodies already recovered are included in the 23 missing employees, but the bodies have not yet been identified.

The plant's emergency alarm system had been tested and was problem-free hours before the explosions, said Greg Derrick a Phillips spokesman in Bartlesville.

Smith said officials were mobilising heavy cranes and bulldozers to remove the wreckage. The effort would proceed slowly as crews look for victims while removing debris, he said.

Frantic relatives gathered and scanned lists of known survivors. Many held a vigil outside the complex, which produces 4.5 million pounds (2 million kilograms) a day of plastics used in milk jugs and grocery sacks.

Of the 124 injured in the blast, 35 remained hospitalised yesterday, with as many as six people in critical condition. Robinson said doctors would be reporting to Phillips officials later today with updates on the employee's conditions.

Phillips officials told reporters that the fire was finally under control yesterday morning. The blast was caused by a "hydrocarbon vapour release" that apparently was ignited by a flame. Phillips Petroleum President Glenn Cox told reporters.

The explosion sent flames hundreds of feet into the air and thick, black smoke billowing into the sky. Buildings for several miles around the plant suffered broken windows and structural damage, officials said.

Baby born to dying lady

Couple abducted, robbed and shot

BOSTON, Oct. 25. (AP): The wails of a siren over a car phone led police to a wounded pregnant woman and her unconscious husband, who had been abducted and shot. Hours later, the woman died but doctors delivered her baby.

Charles and Carol Stuart had been headed home from Brigham women's hospital, where they'd attended a birthing class Monday night, when they were abducted by a man who robbed and shot them.

Mrs Stuart, a 33-year-old attorney, ended up back at the hospital she'd left hours earlier, and died there early yesterday of a gunshot wound to the head.

Doctors performed an emergency Caesarean section to deliver her son while she clung to life.

The baby was delivered one month before he was due, the hospital said. The infant was

in intensive care early today, a nursing supervisor said. Relatives said they were told there was little hope for the infant.

Stuart, 29, the general manager of a fur store in Boston, was in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the abdomen, a Boston city hospital spokesman said.

Police have no suspects.

The gunman apparently thought the Stuarts were police officers after seeing their car phone, said Joseph Dunford, deputy police superintendent. Before shooting the couple, according to Dunford, the gunman said, "I think you're Five-O," a slang term for police.

Stuart battled for himself and his wife in the minutes after they were shot and left for dead, police said. But as he spoke to police on his telephone, he faded in and out of consciousness.

He cried in pain and confusion. Not knowing where he was, he couldn't tell state police dispatcher Gary McLaughlin where to send help.

"Oh man, it hurts and my wife has stopped gurgling, she's stopped breathing," Stuart called out, according to a transcript released yesterday by police.

Then there was silence.

"Chuck, can you hear me? Chuck, Chuck can you hear me, buddy," McLaughlin pleaded. "Chuck, pick up the phone. I can hear you breathing there Chuck, come on, buddy."

Still, nothing. McLaughlin instructed Stuart at one point to open his door or window to see if he could identify some landmark, so that help could find him.

Publisher was 'not misled'

Rushdie in anguish

LONDON, Oct. 25. (Reuters): British author Salman Rushdie, in hiding after an Iranian death threat over his novel "The Satanic Verses," said today he was living in anguish.

In a letter to the Independent, Rushdie took issue with an article in the newspaper describing the problems the book has caused his publisher Peter Mayer.

"I am acutely conscious of Peter Mayer's present anguish as I am sure he is of mine," Rushdie said.

The article had described Rushdie's position as "still in hiding and with nothing to lose."

In the letter, which carried no address, Rushdie said "I'd like to think that your readers found the description of my present situation...more than a little dis-

tasteful."

Rushdie said he had fully discussed the contents of his novel, which the late Ayatollah Khomeini said in February blasphemed Islam, with editorial staff at his publisher Viking Penguin in London and New York.

The article had claimed Rushdie was twice asked by Penguin to clarify a particular chapter which proved offensive to Muslims but that he had dismissed their queries saying it was not important to the plot.

He said in the letter "this passage is a lie. As Penguin editorial staff in London and New York know, I discussed the background to The Satanic Verses fully, answering all questions."

"That I failed to anticipate the distortions and falsifications to which my novel was subsequent-

ly subjected is another matter."

"The implication that I deceived Viking Penguin is wholly unjustified, and, in the present circumstances, injurious. Character assassination is also a sort of murder."

Rushdie, born to a Muslim Indian family, has been in hiding for eight months. Khomeini's death sentence has since been renewed by Iranian leaders.

The death threat also extends to Rushdie's publishers, and the Independent's profile said Mayer "has been forced to spend weeks slipping through shadows."

It said that when Mayer first read the book, he "missed the religious time bomb ticking inside its covers."

The letter was dated Oct. 23.

Vatican angry

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 25. (Reuters): The Vatican has attacked a multi-million dollar Catholic project to film animated cartoons illustrating the lessons of the Holy Quran.

The project by the Society of St Paul to make 26 educational videocassettes, aimed at both Muslims and other religions, has the full backing of Islamic groups.

But Archbishop John Foley, the Vatican's top media official, told a news conference on Monday: "I think we must leave to others the promotion of their own religion. We must proclaim the Gospel. Others can proclaim their faith."

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Legal revolution in Italy Anglo-Saxon style begun

ROME, Oct. 25. (Reuters): Italy introduced Anglo-Saxon style courts on Tuesday in a legal revolution aimed at bringing greater justice and reviving the country's discredited and cumbersome judicial system.

The new legal code, which took 21 years to implement, replaces a system instituted in 1931 during the Fascist period which has been blamed for frequent miscarriages of justice and delays of several years in bringing criminals to book.

But the new code was born amid widespread confusion and protests by magistrates who say there has not been enough preparation and that they lack enough staff to make it work.

Justice Minister Giuseppe Vassalli acknowledged it would take months for the system to function smoothly but rejected appeals for a postponement.

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Thatcher battles against sanctions

C'wealth gives six months to SA reforms

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 25, (AP): Bruised by a fierce internal battle, leaders of the 49-nation Commonwealth have ended their biennial summit lined up with the United States in giving South Africa six months to make drastic changes.

But British dissent has left a gaping hole in the Commonwealth front and leaves the association of Britain and its former colonies less able than the United States to put pressure on South Africa.

Spurred by what she described as "important and positive changes" in South Africa, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher redoubled her lone battle against sanctions through the weeklong meeting that ended yesterday.

The upshot was a public sparring match between Thatcher and the others, led by Canada and Australia, after she issued a surprise repudiation of the summit's declaration on South Africa announced on Sunday.

Thatcher had signed the declaration itself, which incorporated her objections to key provisions.

It calls for tighter financial measures immediately and stipulates that a nine-member foreign ministers' committee will meet in April to gauge how far South Africa's new President, F.W. de Klerk, has moved toward ending the country's racial separation policies.

Canada and Australia, the declaration's main authors, thought the dissenting note in the final text should have been enough — or at least Thatcher should have told them she was issuing a separate repudiation.

"If we all behaved like this, every Commonwealth document would be a shambles and it wouldn't be worth very much," Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney grumbled.

"We weren't forewarned. We were blind-sided," he added as the main antagonists let loose more recriminations at news conferences before heading home yesterday.

Thatcher countered the others were being "absolutely ridiculous."

"These people who make use of free speech must expect others to do the same," she told reporters, adding, "if it's one against 48, I am very sorry for the 48."

The Commonwealth committee's meeting next April is to gauge whether De Klerk has embarked on "irreversible" change.

Canadian External Affairs Secretary Joe Clark, the committee chairman, said that would include draft legislation to repeal the basic tenets of apartheid that deny the black majority the vote and enshrine racial segregation of land.

Similarly, US Assistant Secretary of State Herman J. Cohen said this month that unless De Klerk takes legislative action by June to end apartheid, President George Bush's administration consider new measures.

Thatcher flew into London today to face probably the most violent political storm.

Cambodia guerrillas advancing

BANGKOK, Oct 25, (UPI): A Western-backed Cambodian resistance group seized five government outposts in a renewed offensive but a key town is still resisting, a senior resistance official said today.

At dawn yesterday, the group's Savy Chek and attacked a number of military camps of the Phnom Penh army defending it," said Abdul Gaffar Peangmeth, a senior official in the Khmer People's National Liberation Front.

Earlier, the Vietnamese-installed government in Phnom Penh claimed a major victory over a combined force from the other two resistance groups, saying that 100 anti-government troops were killed and 300 prisoners captured.

Savy Chek, about 12 miles from the Thai border, is defended by about 1,000 government troops and is considered one of the government's key bases in western Cambodia, the resistance official said.

Gaffar told United Press International in a telephone interview that five Phnom Penh outposts to the north and south of Savy Chek fell to attacks yesterday and his troops also succeeded in cutting off access to the heavily fortified town from both the east and the west.

But he denied reports published in Bangkok newspapers that Savy Chek had already fallen.

Gaffar said the resistance groups did not want to sacrifice troops unnecessarily in a frontal attack on the town and hoped that the continuing military and psychological pressure would lead to the surrender of the town.

But Thai military and guerrilla sources said Cambodian soldiers fought back strongly against advancing guerrillas near the country's northwestern border today, shelling their positions in at least two towns.

Soviet role in SA talks foreseen

Charges dropped against over 1,000 demonstrators

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 25, (AP): The state radio said today that the Soviet Union could play an important role in helping to start talks between South Africa's white government and its black adversaries.

The South African Broadcasting Corp., in a commentary, said the Soviet Union was the only major power with influence over the African National Congress guerrilla movement.

The ANC has said it will neither halt its use of violence nor enter negotiations until the government legalizes it, frees all political prisoners, ends the 40-month-old state of emergency and lifts restrictions on opposition activity. The government says the ANC is welcome to enter negotiations if it commits itself to peaceful solutions.

"While it must be stressed that the Soviet Union will remain the main supplier of weapons to the ANC as long as it decides to continue its programme of violence, the Soviet Union is nevertheless now publicly urging the ANC to take part in a political, or negotiated, settlement," the radio commentary said.

"There is a clear need for all sides to concentrate less on preconditions and to get down to initial talks about the negotiations that they must eventually take part in," the commentary said. "The Soviet Union could play an important role as a facilitator in working with other parties to loosen the current logjam."

President F.W. de Klerk has offered to negotiate a new constitution that would extend political rights to the black

majority, although he envisions a system in which whites would retain veto power over major decisions. In a series of steps aimed at promoting talks, De Klerk has eased restrictions on mass protests, conferred with anti-apartheid activists and freed unconditionally eight long-term political prisoners, including seven ANC leaders.

The freed ANC activists have spoken forthrightly in support of their organization, including its use of violence, and they are to address a government-approved mass rally on Sunday. But law and order Minister Adrian Vlok denied that there had been a tacit legalisation of the ANC.

The ANC would remain banned "as long as it refuses to commit itself to peaceful development," Vlok said yesterday.

"The South African police will continue to stop the organisation in its tracks."

Two black men were hanged in Pretoria central prison at dawn today for the murder of an elderly white woman, bringing to 47 the number of people executed so far this year, a Justice Department spokeswoman said.

John Ndlovu, 30, and Lazarus Mance, 39, were convicted for the July 16, 1987 murder of 68-year-old Marie van Der Borgh.

Van Der Borgh had employed the men as occasional labourers on her farm near Johannesburg.

There are around 280 prisoners awaiting execution, nine of whom are white.

C'wealth leaders

Hezbollah threat

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Oct 25, (AP): A caller purporting to be from the Irish Republican Army and a group calling itself "Hezbollah Malaysia" made threats against Queen Elizabeth and other British Commonwealth leaders at a summit meeting here, police said today.

Police said the threats had prompted tighter security at the week-long summit, which ended yesterday without incident.

Inspector-General of Police Hanif Omar told reporters today that two American-made M-1 rifle bullets were discovered by a constable in the Putra World Trade Centre on Oct 12, several days before the leaders of 46 Commonwealth nations were to assemble there.

Omar said a note with the ammunition said in Malay, "the Commonwealth heads of government meeting is in danger, Hezbollah Malaysia."

Police sources said it was not known if the person who left the note had any connection to the Hezbollah, or party of God, a fundamentalist, Iranian-backed Shiite Muslim faction in Lebanon that is considered the umbrella organisation for extremist groups holding foreign hostages in Lebanon.

Police said there was no evidence of a formal branch of Hezbollah in Malaysia, and they did not know whether there were any sympathisers in the country.



Danielle Mitterrand, wife of French President Francois Mitterrand, is greeted by a Kurdish emigrant after she testified before the congressional human rights caucus at the US Capitol yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Help save Kurds, Congress urged

Danielle effort

WASHINGTON, Oct 25, (AP): France's First Lady, Danielle Mitterrand, yesterday brought an impassioned appeal to the US Congress to help save the Kurdish people from annihilation.

"Do not forget them. Silence is killing them," she told the congressional human rights caucus.

They are all individuals in distress and their people is in danger of extinction," Mrs Mitterrand said. Several Kurdish women in the packed hearing room wept during her speech.

There are an estimated 20 million Kurds scattered among Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon and the Soviet Union. They have been subjected to persecution in all these countries.

Mrs Mitterrand, a noted human-rights activist who co-sponsored the first international forum on the plight of the Kurds last week in Paris, described her visit last May to some Kurdish camps in Turkey.

Mrs Mitterrand said the Kurdish refugees clearly do not believe assurances that they can return home.

"The result is that the displaced Kurds in Turkey are in a desperate situation: they can neither go home — which is their deepest wish — nor become integrated into the Kurdish population in Turkey," she said.

Mrs Mitterrand said she visited the camps despite attempts by Turkish authorities to dissuade her, and encountered "dreadful" living conditions at the barbed wire enclosures where more than 30,000 Kurdish refugees are incarcerated.

Turkey has refused help from the United Nations because it does not wish to be saddled with a refugee population to add to the problems it has with its own Kurdish minority, she said.

"Without wishing to criticise the Turkish government, which is clearly lacking in resources, ... one should not rely on it to handle the situation," she said.

The only help can come from the world's democratic governments, she added.

"Let us beware lest by our indifference we provoke and sustain violence," Mrs Mitterrand urged.

Members of the Caucus said Congress had ignored the Kurdish tragedy for too long. "This is one of the most flagrant examples of man's inhumanity to man," said Senator Edward Kennedy of the Kurdish plight.

Fighting broke out between prisoners and courtroom guards when 18 alleged Kurdish terrorists went on trial in West Germany yesterday.

Maggie under Chinese wrath

BEIJING, Oct 25, (Reuter): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher came under fire from China today in a simmering row over the future of Hong Kong.

A Foreign Ministry statement accused unnamed British leaders and officials of trying to make an international issue out of the colony, due to revert to Chinese rule in 1997.

Diplomats said the criticism was aimed at Thatcher following discussion of Hong Kong at a meeting of Commonwealth heads of government in Malaysia this week.

A communique at the end of the week-long meeting asked Commonwealth members to help maintain the colony's prosperity.

Thatcher had earlier asked the summit to call on China to restore confidence in Hong Kong.

In a tersely-worded statement quoted on state radio and television, Beijing said Hong Kong's future was a matter between Britain and China.

"Other countries or international organisations have no right to be involved," it said.

Confidence in Hong Kong has taken a battering since Chinese authorities called in the army to end pro-democracy protests in Beijing in June. China has turned the tables and blamed Britain for the colony's ills.

"Trying to play the confidence card, the public opinion card or the international card, making unreasonable demands not in accord with the Sino-British agreement — these are being raised again. This will not do," the statement said.

Britain should adopt "a sincere attitude" and strictly adhere to the 1984 agreement handing back Hong Kong to China to guarantee the colony's prosperity and stability, the statement said.

A British official in Beijing said China would welcome efforts made to boost the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong's five million people.

Speaking at a press conference in Malaysia, Thatcher said: "We have all wished to support the people of Hong Kong through this difficult period."

Under the 1984 agreement China has pledged to let Hong Kong keep its capitalist system for at least 50 years.

China's criticism of Thatcher came as a row dragged on over the return of illegal Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong to the communist mainland.

China said on Monday it would start taking back the immigrants after a two-week suspension of daily repatriations and said Hong Kong had agreed to return all Chinese illegals without question.

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen yesterday urged a speedy and reasonable solution to border disputes between China and the Soviet Union, Xinhua news agency reported.

The official agency said Qian spoke at a meeting with Soviet Vice-Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev, who is in Beijing for the fourth round of border talks in two-and-a-half years.

Thai Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan yesterday began a two-day working visit to China that is expected to focus on ways of finding peace in Cambodia.

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen met Chatichai at the airport.



Feathered stars

It was a nervous morning for Sam, Barney, Maggie, Loretta and Sharkey — five parrots waiting in the wings in search of stardom.

They flocked to London's Mermaid theatre on Wednesday to audition for the role of pantomime parrot in a Christmas production of Treasure Island.

"It might be safer with a stuffed parrot," said British television star Frank Windsor who will play the one-legged

pirate Long John Silver, "but it would be a very boring show."

Director Colin Bennett said: "We're looking for a bird that won't bite Frank's ear."

Picture shows a West End production of Treasure Island auditioning parrots to play alongside actor Frank Windsor as Long John Silver. (Reuter wirephoto)

Quake recovery

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 25, (AP): Recovery advanced into its second week today for an earthquake-rattled region feeling an aftershock of numbers — a 50-50 chance of a new jolt and an infusion of relief money.

Nine people remain missing, and the death toll from the Oct 17 tremor climbed to 63 with a coroner's discovery of a 39th victim from double-decked Nimitz freeway across San Francisco Bay in Oakland. The first damage claim against the state was filed by two motorists injured in the collapse.

In Congress today, the Senate was expected to approve a House-passed bill that would send \$2.85 billion to northern California. Damage estimates have been set at \$7.1 billion, making it the costliest natural disaster in US history.

Church bells tolled at 5:04 pm yesterday one week to the minute after the quake. It packed more punch than first thought, and the US Geological Survey upped the magnitude to 7.1 from 6.9 on the Richter scale after checking 18 seismic stations around the world.

Jumpy residents were also told that there is a 50-50 chance of a 5.0 aftershock over the next two months, and there is an 11 per cent shot of a 6.0 shock. A 5.0 Richter reading can cause considerable damage; 6.0 can be severe, especially to buildings already weakened.

An aftershock of 4.5 was registered at 6:27 pm yesterday (0127 GMT today), the latest of about 3,500 aftershocks since Oct. 17.

"I'm still shook up. Everytime I hear a noise I jump," said Elia Mae Douglas, owner of a cafe near the Nimitz Freeway.

And for all the death and destruction, Elizabeth Patrice Cupples celebrated her first week of life. She was born at 5:03 pm on Oct 17 by caesarean section, and doctors shielded her mother by leaning over the incision.

In Oakland, demolition crews were taking down sections of the freeway. They fear that still-standing sections could fall.

Four sections remain inaccessible, and the search for more bodies was delayed until at least tomorrow because the road is too shaky. Authorities have abandoned hope of finding anyone alive in the rubble.

Highlights

Likely sites of earthquake: Government geologists say they have identified several likely sites of future US earthquakes.

Based on the past, geologists from the US Geological Survey (USGS) predict future quakes are most likely to occur in Washington state, Utah, southeastern Missouri, the Charleston, South Carolina, area and the Los Angeles area.

If there was any benefit from last week's quake in northern California, they said, it was to focus new attention on the threat of earthquakes across the country, alerting state and local authorities to the need for advance planning to minimise damage and loss of life. (Reuter)

Seismic reading raised: US government scientists on Tuesday said last week's earthquake in California was more powerful than first reported and raised their official seismic reading to 7.1 from 6.9 on the Richter scale.

Geophysicist Mitch Pette of the US Geological Survey said the scientists changed the reading after checking data at stations recorded further from the quake's epicentre, which was about 40 miles (60 km) south of San Francisco.

He said scientists were not surprised by the revision, which often happens after a quake. Each 1.0 increase on the scale corresponds to the release of about 30 times more energy, they said.

As the Richter measurement went up one week after the earthquake, so did the casualty toll. (Reuter)

More earthquakes in US: A swarm of 40 earthquakes struck the Yellowstone National Park area in the western United States, but only two were strong enough to be felt, geologists said.

The quakes began at 1:16 pm (1916 GMT) Tuesday and were recorded during the next nine hours, said Walter Nagy, who monitors Yellowstone seismic activity for the University of Utah seismograph stations. The quakes included two of magnitude 3.5 on the Richter scale ground movement, at 9:35 pm and 9:36 pm (0335 and 0336 GMT) Wednesday. These were large enough to be felt locally, he said.

The quakes were six miles (10 kms) north of west Yellowstone, Montana, along the western boundary of the park.

The struck within five miles (eight kms) of an extensive swarm sequence in 1985, which included 28 quakes of magnitude 3.5 or greater, Nagy said.

He said Tuesday's quakes were at the eastern end of the rupture zone of the magnitude 7.5 Hebgen quake on Aug 17, 1959.

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Seoul military plan in trouble

SEOUL, Oct 25, (Agencies): South Korea's plan to restructure the top echelons of the armed forces has caused a furor in parliament and raised fears of rivalry among the various military wings for a new top job.

Defence Minister Lee Sang-Hoon told Parliament the idea was to establish an unprecedented unified command over army, navy and air force, with currently independent chiefs of the three branches made answerable to a new defence chief of staff.

Supporters of the plan said it would improve operational efficiency in case of a blitz attack from North Korea and streamline upkeep of the 650,000-strong southern armed forces by removing overlapping functions and expenditures between rival services groups.

"This is nothing but a scheme to institutionally guarantee military intervention in politics," opposition legislator Kim Song-Ryong, a former air force chief of staff, protested during a National Assembly hearing earlier this month.

The plan's backers insisted there were no political motivations involved, just a search for ways to make up for Seoul's military inferiority to arch-foe Pyongyang. The government says communist North Korea enjoys roughly a two-to-one advantage in numerical strength.

For its huge defences against Pyongyang, Seoul earmarks each year more than 30 per cent of its national budget, or about five per cent of gross national product (GNP).

"The present US-designed system, under which separate chiefs of staff control operations of the three branches of service, couldn't ensure the quick coordinated action necessary during war in a tiny land like Korea," the defence minister said.

Lee, a former general who acted as chairman of the largely powerless joint chiefs of staff (JCS) from 1983, noted that Pyongyang already operated a powerful integrated command.

In the eyes of the opposition, now in control of Parliament for the first time in South Korean history, the plan is foolhardy.

Though details have yet to be made final, opposition spokesmen fear a unified command would prove too powerful for a genuinely civilian government. As a result, the promised full-flowering of democracy could be nipped in the bud.

Some military analysts fear the proposed command, by bolstering traditional army dominance in the military hierarchy, would open a serious rift among the three branches.

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Soviets won't meddle again

Shevardnadze meets Polish leaders

WARSAW, Oct 25, (UPI): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said today Moscow will not meddle with the internal affairs of other countries and assured Poland that relations with the nation's new Solidarity government were good.

"We are not fixing (internal) orders for the other countries," Shevardnadze told reporters following a two-hour meeting with Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the leader of the dilapidating Communist Party which is scheduled to cease to exist next year.

Adam Michnik, editor-in-chief of the Solidarity newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza has been allowed to enter the conference room in the party headquarters where the meeting was held and asked Shevardnadze for an interview for the newspaper.



Shevardnadze (left) greets Rakowski yesterday on the second day of visit to Warsaw. (Reuter wirephoto)

"I am ready to meet him," Shevardnadze said which was taken as a practical application of the policy of openness towards former union activist who was jailed many times by the communist authorities for his operation.

The Soviet minister also stressed he was ready to meet any leader of the political party operating in Poland "if time permits" which was also an indication of the new approach of the Soviet leaders to the Polish situation.

Strong
"The relations are very good," Shevardnadze said about Polish-Soviet ties under a new Polish government. "They are on a strong foundation."

He said both countries will also aim at redesigning their economic relations. He claimed Poland has made more favourable economic ties with Moscow than with the West.

Asked how much change the Soviet Union would tolerate in Poland, he responded: "We don't set up order in other countries."

Shevardnadze arrived yesterday in Poland and promised Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki that Moscow would maintain fuel deliveries crucial to Poland's survival.

The two announced that Mazowiecki, the East bloc's first non-communist prime minister, would visit Moscow next month.

Happy
Shevardnadze, the highest-level Soviet official to visit Poland since Mazowiecki took office in mid-August, met for an hour longer than planned with the prime minister.

"I am very happy about our many-faceted talk," Mazowiecki said after the two-hour meeting. "I accepted the invitation to Moscow with gratitude." He said the visit would be on Nov 23.

Shevardnadze said Poland has been granted \$47 billion in credits in the years 1971-87, had to pay back \$52 billion together with the interest rate and still owes Western creditors \$40 billion.

"Our relations have been indifferent," he said. "You have helped us and we have helped you."

Asked if the restrictions on the emigration to Poland of more than 2 million Poles living in the Soviet Union will be eased he said "there have been no problem with the emigration."

He said in the last one year and half 521 Poles applied for emigration and only one refused.

Welcome
Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov has disclosed plans to cut Soviet tank production by half over the next five years, bringing output closer to that of the United States, the Washington Post reported today.

The Post, quoting unnamed defence officials, said Yazov told Defence Secretary Dick Cheney of the plan at their meetings at the Pentagon earlier this month.

East Germany disbanded six tank regiments yesterday as part of a unilateral disarmament step announced earlier this year.

The regiments were located at six garrisons throughout the communist country, the state-controlled ADN news agency said.

The United States, welcoming what it said was a striking policy speech by Shevardnadze, said yesterday it would seek to ease Soviet concerns about two US radar stations.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the Shevardnadze speech, condemning the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and admitting that a Soviet radar station in Siberia violated an arms control treaty, might lead to further improvements in super-power relations.

Special seats' rules dropped from Russian polls law

MOSCOW, Oct 25, (Reuter): The Soviet Union's largest republic, the Russian Federation, today jettisoned local election rules which had been widely denounced as undemocratic because they gave the ruling communists an unfair advantage.

The development in the Russian Federation took place only a day after the Soviet Parliament rebuffed Kremlin leaders by scrapping special parliamentary seats at the federal level.

The local Parliament was presented with a draft election law which, apparently bowing to public opinion, dropped the special seats in the Russian assembly which had been



Gorby in Finland

President Mikhail Gorbachev arrived in Finland today for a three-day official visit expected to focus on the special relationship and economic ties between the Soviet Union and its Baltic neighbour.

Gorbachev, welcomed at Helsinki airport by Finnish President Mauno Koivisto, left behind him signs of growing industrial unrest and political challenges.

Miners in the Arctic city of Vorkuta were voting on whether to stage a 24-hour strike and yesterday deputies in the Soviet Parliament voted to scrap seats reserved for the Communist Party and other public organisations.

Officials say the visit, Gorbachev's first to Finland, is expected to lead to about 30 new agreements on trade, the environment and political issues. (Reuter wirephoto)

Krenz ready for dialogue

Talks on reform for all

EAST BERLIN, Oct 25, (AP): East Germany's new Communist Party leader indicated today that pro-democracy activists would be allowed to take part in national talks on reform.

"No one will be excluded from the dialogue," Egon Krenz told reporters after a meeting with a West German politician in East Berlin.

Krenz, facing East Germany's worst unrest in 36 years, said he was ready to talk to opposition groups provided that they respected the state constitution.

"Let's get rid of this idea of opposition. Let's say that they are in the German Democratic Republic citizens who have ideas about how we can go forward in this country," Krenz said.

Speaking to reporters after meeting Wolfgang Mischke, a senior member of West Germany's Free Democratic Party, he said: "Every idea is needed and no-one is excluded from an exchange of ideas, if they stand by the East German constitution."

Asked specifically if he would talk to members of the 26,000-strong New Forum, the largest opposition group, Krenz replied: "I include all citizens of the German Democratic Republic, all citizens. No one is excluded."

Krenz spoke a day after thousands of demonstrators marched through East Berlin denouncing his appointment as head of state.

"The people didn't elect you, Mr Krenz," shouted the protesters as police watched impassively.

But Krenz did not say whether the nation's growing opposition would be officially recognised, or whether challenges to the socialist foundation of East Germany would be tolerated.

Communist Party officials previously had made clear that opposition groups would be excluded from talks about possible reforms and staunchly reaffirmed the country's socialist basis.

Krenz made his comment today in response to questions from reporters after a two-hour meeting with Mischke.

The talks were the first between the new East German leader and a senior West German official. Krenz also said he wanted to meet with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and would propose a date for such a summit when the two men speak by telephone, a contact Kohl has said he would initiate soon.

Krenz appealed yesterday for pro-democracy activists to refrain from street protests, cautioning such demonstrations could turn violent. Police made no effort to interfere later yesterday when 12,000 people marched through East Berlin to protest Krenz' confirmation as head of state.

Demonstrators also gathered in Dresden last night, the official ADN news agency reported.

Responding to one of the most bitter complaints among East Germans, Communist Party leaders have indicated they would enact a more liberal travel law by the end of the year.

The official ADN news agency reported late yesterday that a meeting of the 21-member ruling body had endorsed a proposal to greatly ease foreign travel restraints. It predicted the relaxed policy would be in force by the end of 1989.

It said the new law would drop requirements that family members stay behind as insurance the travellers will return from the West, and that there would no longer have to be verifiable "grounds" to travel abroad, such as family visits or business contacts.

Any new legislation would have to be approved by the policy-making party Central Committee and the 500-member People's Chamber, the nominal parliament. Those bodies routinely support all politburo proposals.

Kremlin urged to slash N-arms

VILAMOURA, Portugal, Oct 25, (AP): Nato defence ministers today welcomed the Soviet Union's promises to cut its powerful military forces, but urged the Kremlin to do more to slash its stockpiles of tactical nuclear weapons.

The defence ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation also applauded in their final statement Moscow's pledge to remove a disputed radar station in Siberia.

Wrapping up two days of nuclear strategy talks on the southern Portuguese coast, the officials said they "looked forward to the prompt and full implementation of this commitment."

After the meeting, US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney was scheduled to fly to London for discussions with British officials on the European leg of a three-week foreign tour.

In the final statement, the Nato defence ministers said they "were encouraged by the changes underway in the Soviet Union and some of its allies."

"Nevertheless, we recognised the continuing capability of the forces of the Warsaw Pact for offensive military action," it said.

The statement expressed concern about "substantial capabilities" in Moscow's space programme and its nuclear modernisation programme.

"We welcomed the announced Warsaw Pact unilateral force reductions and looked forward to their full implementation," the statement said.

However, the ministers said the cuts "would have little effect on the Warsaw Pact's nuclear capability and, in particular, on their continuing massive superiority in short-range nuclear missile systems."

"We therefore called again on the Soviet Union to reduce unilaterally its short-range missile systems to current Nato levels," the statement said.

The ministers also gave the go-ahead for top aides to study the Western alliance's nuclear needs in an era of reduced tensions.

■ The Soviet Union is "strangely empty" of new combat aircraft, according to a report published in London today.

Satellite photographs have shown a variety of Soviet advances in technology, including a jump-jet prototype, a U-2 type reconnaissance aircraft, and a new maritime patrol plane.

But nowhere is there any sign of any fighters, according to "Jane's All the World Aircraft," a new publication issued by the specialised defence studies group.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Soviet-civilians killed: Ethnic conflicts have killed 300 civilians and injured 5,260 others since erupting 20 months ago the commander of the Soviet Interior Ministry's security troops said in Moscow yesterday. The conflicts have prompted 360,000 people — to flee their homes in fear, and thousands of those homes have been set on fire, said Col. Gen. Yuri V. Shatalin.

Shatalin, whose troops are responsible for maintaining order in the troubled areas, said in a press briefing at the Interior Ministry that troops and police have suffered 890 casualties, including 12 deaths. (AP)

Minors resume work: A Soviet general pledged that troops would never be used in labour disputes as thousands of Siberian coal miners resumed normal working after staging a brief strike on Monday. Lieutenant-General Yuri Shatalin, head of Soviet Interior Ministry troops, said his forces would not be deployed in labour disputes as their use was illegal.

"Our troops have not been used and will never be used in a strike situation. We only act in connection with mass disorders," he said at a regular briefing in Moscow. (Reuter)

Spanish consul's car destroyed: An apparent bomb destroyed a Spanish diplomat's car and damaged 15 surrounding homes late yesterday but caused no injuries, Dutch police said.

The car wrecked by the blast belonged to the Spanish Consul General in Rotterdam, who was at his home in the Hague, (8 miles/30 kilometres) away, police spokesman Nico Laterveer said.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, and Laterveer said police "haven't the faintest clue" who might be behind it.

In Spain, police and military officials have often been targeted for bomb attacks by the Basque separatist group ETA. (AP)

Call for life sentences: An Italian public prosecutor demanded life sentences yesterday for three alleged Red Brigades guerrillas charged with the 1987 ambush and murder of air force General Licio Giorgini.

Pietro Catalano made the request at a mass trial on terrorism charges of 40 suspected members of the left-wing brigades, some arrested last year after a Europe-wide operation against various linked guerrilla movements.

Maurizio Locusta and Francesco Maietta are accused of gunning down Giorgini as he was being driven to his Rome home in an official car in March 1987. (Reuter)

Arctic demilitarised zone proposed: Canada should help create a demilitarised zone in the Arctic, a panel recommended yesterday at a conference on co-operation with the Soviet Union.

The proposal came as part of arms-control discussions for the region by the 13-member panel that included disarmament experts, retired Canadian military officers and native Indian representatives.

The recommendations, including an end to simulated bombings over the region, came on the second day of a four-day conference on Canadian-Soviet co-operation in the Arctic. (AP)

Police harassment claimed: Gerard Conlon, one of four people freed from prison last week following a court ruling that they were wrongly convicted of a 1974 IRA bombing, contends police harassed him at gunpoint in Belfast after his release.

Legislators Jeremy Corbyn and Chris Mullin of Britain's opposition Labour Party said today they will question Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government in parliament about Conlon's allegation.

An unidentified spokesman for the Conlon family was quoted by the British Domestic News Agency Press Association as saying Conlon, 35, was badly shaken after police yesterday stopped a taxi in which he and members of his family were travelling in Belfast. (AP)

Gonzalez's majority under threat: Spain's socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez seems certain to win a third term in Sunday's general election, but simmering social discontent is threatening to end his seven-year-old overall majority.

As the election campaign wears on, the struggle gets tougher for the 47-year-old prime minister, according to opinion polls.

Surveys which earlier this month predicted an easy victory for his Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), now see it struggling to cross the threshold of 176 seats that ensures total control of the 350-seat parliament. (Reuter)

8,800 years' jail term sought: A prosecutor requested prison sentences totalling more than 8,800 years today against four Basques charged with killing 12 civilian guards in a Madrid bomb attack three years ago.

The high court was told the four members of the separatist group ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) blew up a bus in a convoy carrying more than 70 guardsmen. Sixty people were injured, including 17 police officers.

One of the accused, Esteban Nieto, told the court the group had wanted to cause the highest possible number of casualties. (Reuter)

Dozens of Albanians detained: Dozens of ethnic Albanians have been detained in Yugoslavia's troubled province of Kosovo ahead of a major political trial of the region's former communist leader Azem Vllasi, informed sources said yesterday.

The detained Albanians are considered to be "potential troublemakers", who could organise mass protests against the trial scheduled to start Oct 30 in Titova Mitrovica, 210 kilometres (131 miles) south of Belgrade, a source close to the police told the Associated Press.

Several informants contacted by telephone from Belgrade estimated the number of people arrested in a series of police swoops at between 30 and 70 throughout the southern region. (AP)

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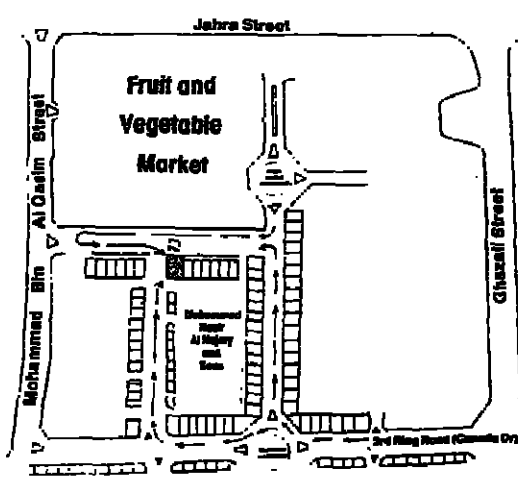
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500 applications received for desalination conference

40 countries to be represented

THE organising committee of the International Conference for Water Desalination and Treatment which is scheduled to take place in Kuwait from Nov. 4 to 8 has received about 500 applications so far from several scientists, specialists and manufacturers of water desalination technology to participate in the conference, according to Kuwait News Agency.

The organising committee has adopted the necessary measures and preparations for receiving of delegations to the conference which represent more than 40 countries.

On the sidelines of the conference, an international exhibition will be staged and

will exhibit the latest technology in the field of water desalination, according to Kuna.

Visit

The conferees will be taken around to Kuwaiti desalination plants in order to project this vital aspect of Kuwaiti performance and to give the delegations an idea about Kuwaiti development in this area, as Kuwait is considered a pioneering country in the field of water desalination, the agency said.

It added that the organising committee has arranged a programme for the invitees to visit the country's touristic areas in Failaka, Kheiran Resort, National

Museum and Sadou House.

The proceedings of the scientific register of the conference consisting of 1,680 pages has already been printed in four volumes, Kuna said.

It added that volumes contain the texts of about 180 working papers to be debated during the conference and mostly focusses on the role of desalination in the administration of water resources, and non-conventional desalination technology.

Technology

The commissioning of expertise in desalination units based on reverse osmosis and the development of the desalination system by thermal methods

will also be discussed.

The working papers will also handle water treatment, automatic control systems and the treatment of brackish water.

The conference falls within a series of international conferences that are organised by the World Desalination Organisation which groups regional organisations interested in the field and its technology in USA, Europe and Arab Gulf areas.

The conference is a biennial event held at any country around the world. Previous events took place in France, Bermuda Island, and Italy. Kuwait has been selected to be the venue of the fourth conference, Kuna reported.

Flawed banking system laid bare by recession

Depositors seek higher returns

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

THE mid-1980s recession has taught Gulf bank depositors the value of saving but it has also exposed severe shortcomings of the regional banking system crippled by the lack of codified laws to govern its activity.

Bank depositors in Kuwait seeking better returns have moved, over the past five years, massive amounts of money from current to interest bearing accounts drastically changing the Kuwaiti banks' depository structure, according to Kuwaiti banker Ibrahim Dabdoub.

In a recent study of the changes in Gulf banking Dabdoub of the National Bank of Kuwait also noted only a marginal rise in total deposits held by Kuwaiti banks. Analysts said this trend was more due to capital outflows than the capital shortage.

The world-wide trend not to keep one's money idle gathered momentum in Kuwait in 1983 with sight (current) deposits having declined by 78 per cent over the following five years. More than offsetting the drop of KD 219 million in sight deposits was a hefty increase in interest-bearing and foreign currency deposits, Dabdoub said.

The sudden awakening followed the collapse of the unofficial Souq Al Manakh stock market in which fortunes were wiped out overnight and was reinforced by the recession spurred by declining oil prices.

Fall back
The banks, affected by reduced business opportunities, rising overheads, deteriorating credit risk and increasing volume of bad debts, found there was no legal system to fall back on as corporate laws in the region lagged far behind the rapid economic expansion, Dabdoub said.

Interest-bearing savings deposits have grown by KD 239 million or 60 per cent while the Kuwaiti banks logged more than a 100 per cent increase (KD 640 million) in foreign currency deposits in the past five years, according to Dabdoub.

Analysts say that the change in Kuwait was abrupt and borne of necessity.

"After the Souq Al Manakh people became more conscious of saving and instead of a casual approach sought expert advice,"



Ibrahim Dabdoub... changes.

said one analyst.

"People no longer wanted to keep their money idle," said another.

This does not bode well for the future of current accounts. "Sight deposits all over the world are going down. Maybe 10 years from now there won't be any sight deposits. Or else banks will start giving interest on current accounts," predicted one financial researcher.

Current account holders in Kuwait are mainly businesses that engage in frequent financial transactions and make cheque payments.

Deposits
Individuals usually deposit their money in savings accounts from which they draw cash using the automatic teller machines (ATMs). Credit card holders are required to open a current account to settle their bills.

As the economy turned sluggish Kuwaiti commercial banks, whose assets have grown by only 8.1 per cent since 1981, posted a mere 10 per cent increase in total deposits over the five years to 1988. Far more drastic was the 74 per cent dive in public sector deposits that declined by

KD 266 million.

But analysts attach little importance to the substantial decline in public sector deposits saying that the government had never been a big depositor with commercial banks.

"The government deposits its funds with specialised financial institutions. Besides the Ministry of Finance receives its money in dollars and its transfers to local institutions are tailored by its needs," one analyst said.

Although commercial banks mainly rely for deposits on the private sector the poor growth was partly due to a slowdown in government expenditure, some of which seeps through to the private sector.

"In the early 1980s government expenditure grew by 15 to 20 per cent but in the last few years it has not increased," said one economist.

He also pointed out that the lack of confidence in local economy prompted Kuwaitis to deposit funds in foreign banks.

Foreign accounts

Other analysts say the drop in public sector deposits signifies lower revenues, more foreign investment and is a signal to the commercial banks that the public administration is getting

ready to withdraw its patronage of the sector.

The greater insistence on earning a better interest, either at home or abroad, came after a prolonged period of economic prosperity in which banks, business houses and clients could do no wrong.

"The pace of economy was so dynamic that all elements of the economy grew exponentially almost irrespective of their intrinsic management and financial strengths," Dabdoub noted. When mistakes occurred the impact was hardly noticeable as the economy steamed ahead in a cycle of seemingly inexorable increases in annual profitability, he explained.

But, economic prosperity only camouflaged rather than eliminated the weaknesses, something that became painfully obvious after the country's economy cooled, he said.

Management

The most glaring problems arose from deteriorating credit conditions and a major increase in the proportion of bad debts, Dabdoub said. These largely stem from a failure to build up credit skills and install management control systems during the years of plenty, he pointed out.

The failure by borrowers to meet their debt service obligations on time highlighted the huge blanks in Gulf states' corporate laws, notably the absence of a codified system of rules governing banking activity.

On the one hand banking creditors found themselves without protection against bad debts, and on the other, "legal processes in several GCC states seemed to be biased in favour of distressed creditors at considerable expense to the depressed regional banking system," Dabdoub said.

However, he acknowledged that there had been some advances in addressing the legal aspects of the region's financial system. Hesingled out Kuwait's Difficult Credit Facilities Settlement Programme launched in 1986 to mop up the fallout from the Souq Al Manakh stock market collapse. Implementing the scheme the Central Bank disposed of millions of dinars to prop up commercial banks, attached borrowers' assets to the banks and sought to prosecute debtors who declined to reveal all their domestic and foreign assets.

Palestine, Lebanon charity campaign

THE chairman of the Palestine-Lebanon Charity Support Committee Ahmad Abdul Aziz Al Falah has said a charity, information and education campaign will be organised during the coming few weeks. The objective is to convey the suffering of the Palestinian people to the Arab and Islamic masses, to further urge them to shoulder their responsibilities towards the Palestinians who are being butchered at the hands of the Jews.

He told a local daily that the committee's Intifada Financial Portfolio Project is but a fund-raising campaign seeking to collect KDI million to support the uprising in occupied Palestine. The establishment of the fund is to enhance the continued steadfastness and confrontation by the Palestinians' jihad against the Zionist occupation forces and cruel inhumanitarian Israeli oppressive measures.

He pointed out that the project also aims at providing financial support to families who had lost their breadwinners in the ongoing bitter struggle and help cater to the needs of the detained, wounded and the families of martyrs.

The fund-raising campaign involved the organisation of charity shows and bazaars, arranging to receive donations by charity-givers to the Palestinians who are suffering under the yoke of the Zionist oppressor and support similar charity projects launched in the occupied land, Falah said.

Quran centres

Meanwhile, Al Munasara (Support) Charity Committee for Palestine and Lebanon has signed a contract with Nablus (West Bank) Zakat Committee to establish 350 centres to teach Holy Quran in the occupied territories.

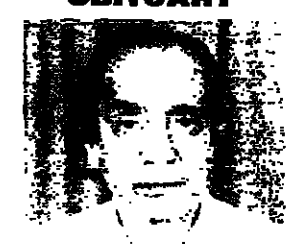
The signing ceremony held last week at the premises of the Islamic International Charity Organisation was signed by Ahmad Al Falah, chairman of Al Munasara Charity Committee and Abdul Latif Tuballa, head of Nablus Zakat Committee.

The project is intended to counteract the subversive activities of the Zionist machine against defacing Islam in the occupied territories and consists of building 350 centres for teaching Islam and Holy Quran in different cities and villages in the occupied territories.

Each centre will impart Islamic teachings to about 20 children. The centre will be run by a teacher who will be paid an honorarium of KD15 per month. Children participating should be at least eight years of age and will be given KD2 as a reward each month.

The centre will incur an expenditure of KD7000 a year and this amount is expected to be financed by rich Muslims in Kuwait through Al Munasara Committee.

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Farwaniya governor meets council members

The Governor of Farwaniya Sheikh Ahmad Hmoud Al Jaber Al Sabah received at his office members of the governorate council, whom he congratulated on their election to the council membership which reflected a dear trust invested in them by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He urged them to spare no effort to perfectly meet the responsibilities assigned to them, highlighting their positive role in serving public and national interests.

On behalf of the council members, Mohammad Ibrahim Al Mazen delivered a speech in which he congratulated Sheikh Ahmad Hmoud Al Jaber on his re-election to the council chairmanship, reaffirming the members' devotion and willingness to come up to the level of their national responsibilities in serving the interest of the governorate.

Cleanliness Week efforts praised

Councils to develop services

THE establishments of governorate councils aims at developing work procedures and public services offered to citizens at different ministries, Abdul Latif Al Barjes, governor of Hawalli said.

These councils came to be empowered by an Amiri decree and their work falls within the framework of assisting various governorates. The councils help the governor to run the various aspects of the governorates by studying their needs and following up services and projects carried out by ministries at these governorates.

The councils endeavour to encourage religious, educational, social, sporting and health activities carried out in their governorates and will work to improve and protect the environment.

Explaining the workings, the official said that the decision taken up by the council of the governorate will be forwarded to the governor within one week. The governor transmits these decisions to the relevant ministries and any notification in this respect is passed on the council within 15 days. To further strengthen and co-ordinate workings of

these councils, the Higher Council of Governorates will prepare a charter.

Barjes pointed out that the major cosmopolitan level of Hawalli Governorate's population do tend to different social problems. However, these problems are not insurmountable and have been quite confidently coped with by security personnel.

Speaking on the security issue, the official said the patrols of the governorate guard vital installations within the governorate around the clock. A special squad of security personnel have been deployed at entertainment places during the summer season as also market places which have been areas where juveniles harass the general public and vandalise state property. Security is also extended to beaches and waterfronts of the Hawalli Governorate, Barjes said.

In a related development both governors of the Capital and Hawalli, Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber and Abdul Latif Al Barjes praised the efforts extended by the committee on the celebrations of the Cleanliness Week at Kuwait Municipality.



Yum Yum America

Director of the US Agricultural Trade Office Pitamber Devgon greets guests at the launching of the 'Yum Yum America' food festival in Kuwait.

Experts discuss abortion

By Mahmoud Mural

PARTICIPANTS in the 5th Islamic Medical Seminar organised by the Islamic Organization for Medical Science (IOMS) based in Kuwait in co-operation with Islamic Fiqh Complex in Jeddah continued its sessions for the second day. The participants continued discussions on opinions of Islamic Sharia towards the latest developments in field of organs transplant surgeries. The participants' yesterday focussed on the aborted foetus and deliberated if Islam allows the benefit of organs from an aborted foetus or not.

Dr Hassan Hathout spoke about using the foetus in research and treatment. He asserted that there is no fixed opinion about this question although the foetus is now used in many scientific and medical fields. He added that vaccination against polio was discovered after research about the virus by using the tissues of a foetus. Some scientists also discovered that some tissues of a foetus can have direct medical benefits in treating some diseases, Hathout said.

Dr Abdulla Basalama read his research about the benefits from an aborted foetus in organs transplant operations and in medical experiments. He said in his research that the transplant of organs of a foetus is possible medically and beneficial scientifically. But the aborted foetus should have grown and be completed inside the womb (after four months of pregnancy). The tissues of the foetus should be alive all they are frozen. He added that benefiting from the aborted foetus is better than killing it.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Medicare conference attracts 75 specialists

THE Second Middle East Medicare conference opened in Bahrain Monday at the College of Medicine and Medical Sciences in Sulmaniyah Medical Centre. The event which is being sponsored by Bahrain's Ministry of Health has attracted about 75 specialists from around the world.

In the opening speech of the four-day prestigious conference Jawad Al Arrayed, minister of health, urged all doctors representing their respective countries to uphold the values of ethics in medical practice.

"Medicine and medical practice should not be converted into a business and the human aspects of this profession should be maintained and propagated," said Arrayed to the delegates from the United States, Britain, Europe, Australia, Asia and the Middle East.

Success

While stressing the importance of medical research for the benefit of the community, the minister also recalled the principles of Islam which stress the need for acquiring knowledge and offers community services.

A total of 180 topics are being presented by doctors in 36 sessions conducted throughout the conference.

Presenting a paper on ophthalmology in the opening sessions, Dr Hassan Al Arrayed chairman of Sulmaniyah Medical Centre's eye department, highlighted the success of 'radial keratotomy' a unique surgery introduced two years ago on the island to cure short-sightedness. About 56 per cent of patients who underwent this advanced eye operation were successfully cured, said Dr Arrayed emphasising the high success of the operation.

Presenting a paper entitled 'Eye trauma in Bahrain', Dr Ahmed Abdulla Ahmed, chief of medical staff and consultant ophthalmologist at Sulmaniyah, revealed that about 80 per cent of all eye injuries that occurred over a six-month period last year were industrial accidents. In this context he urged application of stringent safety measures to reduce the number of eye injuries among industrial workers. Employers, he added, must take the initiative to provide the necessary safety gear for their workers. Most of the victims are involved in welding or drilling jobs, said Dr Ahmad. 25 per cent of the overall injuries occur at home involving housewives and children.

In another paper Dr Mustafa Al Battawi from the USA revealed that very little progress has been made in understanding the harmful effects of workplaces of chemical, physical and biological agents on the male and female reproductive functions. The reason for such slow advancement of knowledge is partly a lack of research and partly the ethical problems involved in performing studies, said Dr Battawi. There is a need for international co-operation in data collection and research in this field, he said.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

MEN are great only if they are determined to be so — Charles de Gaulle, French statesman-general (1890-1970)

Fundamentalists flexing muscles

"FORBIDDEN to walk in shorts" said the signs that appeared overnight in Algeria's seaside resort of Dellys. They were erected by Muslim fundamentalists angered by public displays of the bare legs.

In the eastern city of Annaba, groups of bearded young men went into the bars and lectured patrons on the evils of drink.

Emboldened by Algeria's new liberal political climate, a growing fundamentalist movement is challenging what Algerians wear, drink and learn.

A dynamic political party legalised last month, the Islamic Salvation Front, has emerged as the biggest challenge to the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) since the advent of multi-party politics earlier this year, political observers say.

As young zealots seek to apply Islamic law in bars, schools and city streets, the front, known by its French initials FIS, is drawing thousands to rallies across the country.

"Change is indispensable and must happen as soon as possible," FIS spokesman Abbasi Madani told a rally in the eastern city of Skikda.

"We are in a situation like that of a sick man who needs urgent surgery," said the short bearded and intense 38-year-old sociology professor.

Unlike neighbouring Tunisia and other Arab states like Egypt, Algeria has had a relatively weak tradition of radical Islamic movements.

Ruled since independence in 1962 by the socialist FLN, fundamentalists either blended into the mainstream or formed short-lived underground fringe parties like that led by the radical Imam Moustapha Bouali from 1983 to 1987.

But economic crisis in the 1980s, a population explosion, rural migration to the cities and resulting social dislocations have given fundamentalists a new base, political observers say.

Sweeping political reforms launched after youth riots last October gave Algerian fundamentalists the right to organise openly.

The FIS now has its own newspaper and internal "guardians" who helped maintain order when hundreds of supporters gathered for a trial of Bouali associates this month.

The strength of FIS is most apparent in crowded inner-city slums like Bab El-Oued in Algiers, scene of the fiercest riots last October in which fundamentalists were a driving force.

"All of Algeria's problems came because we didn't apply Islamic law," said Mohammed, a young hospital worker who like other FIS devotees sports a beard, skullcap and long white robe. "Our crisis is moral, not economic."

He pointed at jeans-clad teenagers idling on a street corner. "They are morally corrupt. They wear the latest Western fashions and dance at night. They do not pray. They are not Muslims."

Mohammed and other FIS supporters use moral persuasion to try to keep the bars of Bab El-Oued shut, its girls and women veiled and its youth in the mosques.

They are loyal followers of the erudite Madani and his charismatic associate Ali Belhadj, a fiery 32-year-old imam who preaches to overflow crowds every other Friday at Bab El-Oued's El-Sunna mosque.

Madani has condemned some acts by fundamentalists such as the burning of the house of a suspected prostitute.

But he has backed other actions such as a one-week school strike spearheaded by fundamentalists early this month to push for an end to co-educational classrooms, instruction in French and "un-Islamic" teaching.

As Algeria prepares for its first multi-party elections at local level next year, education is a priority issue for the fundamentalists who have made solid inroads in parent-teacher associations and the teaching corps.

Israel will stay put in Lebanon

ISRAELIS, hardened by 14 years of watching the Lebanese civil war, are sceptical the latest peace plan will restore political stability to their northern neighbour.

Newspapers in Arab countries warned that Israel would try to undermine the new agreement, but Israelis pointed out that key Lebanese themselves had rejected the accord brokered by Arab League mediators.

"There is nothing to react to at this stage," a senior Foreign Ministry official said when asked for the Israeli view.

Israel's oft-stated position is that it will withdraw from the "security zone" it occupies in Lebanese territory along the Israeli border only when Lebanon has a stable government that can guarantee its territory will not be used for attacks on the Jewish state.

The agreement that emerged on Sunday from three weeks of haggling by Lebanese parliamentarians in Saudi Arabia was to delay a decision on final withdrawal of Syria's 33,000 troops from Lebanon until two years after making political reforms demanded by its Muslim majority.

But the accord was immediately denounced by Lebanon's real leaders — those backed by guns.

Lebanese Christian Army chief Michel Aoun, campaigning since March to drive Syria from Lebanon, said it would "lead us to hell." Pro-Syrian Druze leader Walid Jumblatt called it a "silly" proposal.

"Israel will withdraw from the security zone only when there is a very, very firm sense in Israel that such a situation would not cause trouble," Olmert told Reuters. "And I can't see this happening in the near future."

That leaves Israel occupying a 10-km-wide (six-mile) strip of Lebanese territory — a buffer zone intended to prevent a resumption of the Palestinian attacks that used to spread havoc in northern Israeli settlements.

The zone now has its own civil administration and an Israeli-paid and equipped militia, the South Lebanon Army. A medical tax and distinctive licence plates are fresh signs of its increasing political distance from the rest of Lebanon.

Although Israel emphasises it has no intention of annexing the area — home to some 200,000 Lebanese, mainly Christians and Shi'ite Muslims — it has clearly settled in for a long occupation.

In a more covert manner, Israeli interests extend to the rest of the country, fuelling the charges of

Lebanese that foreign interference is a key factor in their civil war.

The struggle between Israel and its Syrian and Palestinian foes long ago overflowed into Lebanon and remains an Israeli pre-occupation.

Syria observes unwritten understandings not to station troops too close to Israeli lines and not to interfere in the reconnaissance flights that Israeli jets routinely fly above the wild Lebanese landscape.

But Israeli officials are sceptical Syria will ever draw back to its borders set during French colonial rule after World War One.

After the latest peace proposal, Israel repeated it will withdraw from Lebanon only when there is a Lebanese government "that will project its authority and sovereignty over the whole country."

"I think whether the agreement is signed or not signed will not matter because it is irrelevant to the realities in Lebanon," said Brigadier-General Amos Gilboa, a retired deputy head of Israeli military intelligence.

The differences left unresolved by this new attempt to heal the wounds in Lebanese society — and the doubts that Syria will ever withdraw — leave Israeli planners expecting to be in South Lebanon for the indefinite future.

East Germans demand reforms

Krenz locked in dilemma

EGON KRENZ is locked in a dilemma unique for a communist bloc leader: can he introduce reforms far-reaching enough to satisfy popular demands for democracy without reforming his state out of existence.

East German officials say reforms are coming. But they make no secret of their view that their country cannot go down the same road as Poland and Hungary, which are dismantling communism and constructing Western-style political systems.

Otto Reinhold, a senior party ideologist, said last month that, whereas Poland and Hungary would always remain Poland and Hungary no matter what their systems, East Germany could exist only as Marxist-Leninist state distinct from West Germany.

"It is conceivable only as an anti-fascist, socialist state, as a socialist alternative to West Germany," he said. "What justification to exist would a capitalist East Germany have next to a capitalist federal republic?"

Confirmed as East Germany's head of state on Tuesday, Krenz immediately pledged changes such as strengthening the role of Parliament and the government as opposed to the Communist Party, which he has led since October 18.

But his promises fall far short of the demands shouted by hundreds of thousands of demonstrators in all big East German cities this month. They want free elections, legalisation of opposition groups and an end to communist control of the media.

From an economic perspective alone, East Germany is likely to resist opening up its factories and markets to Western competition and investment for fear that the all-powerful West German economy would soon swallow it up.

From a political perspective, the Communist Party feels beholden to an ideology which its restive citizens know only too well is being dumped in Hungary and Poland and is under severe strain in the Soviet Union.

"When Hungary turned itself this month into a Western-style democracy with guaranteed free elections, that was the straw that broke the camel's back for the people of East Germany," a Western diplomat said.

"First, there were local elections here in May



Egon Krenz: changes

which people feel certain were rigged. The Krenz defended China's crackdown on dissent. Now people are finally saying, "We won't be humiliated any more."

The Communist Party is not only under pressure from street protesters. In Parliament, 52 of the 500 legislators staged an unprecedented revolt on Tuesday and refused to support Krenz' appointment as

head of state.

Officials of the Liberal Democratic Party, one of four small satellite parties of the Communist Party, have privately suggested the authorities group with 26,000 signatories.

Even if the communists were to allow New Forum to operate legally, there is a question mark over the opposition's ability to channel public discontent into constructive and coherent dialogue with the authorities.

Unlike Poland's Solidarity union with its immensely popular chairman Lech Walesa and its array of well-known intellectuals for advisers, New Forum and other groups lack established leaders and appear not to want them.

"They are rather like the West German Greens. They talk a lot about basic democracy, which means having no leaders. That is partly because, historically, Germans have had a bad trip with leaders," one diplomat said.

The communists are seeking to involve senior bishops of the powerful Protestant church in efforts to contain the unrest. But the church has become increasingly outspoken this year and now talks openly of the need for fundamental reform.

Nobody mentions German reunification. The opposition groups say they do not want it. Indeed, many East Germans express resentment at the widespread assumption in the West that people are yearning to hook up with West Germany.

But as the chants of crowds in Leipzig, Dresden and other cities make abundantly clear, people want the right to travel to the West as freely as Poles or Hungarians — and to return home to a country that allows freedom of speech and assembly.

"Krenz is fighting against time," a Western diplomat said. "If the Communist Party thinks it can buy people off with a better economy and travel, then they have underestimated the political maturity of the people."

So far, Krenz has confined himself to measures that permit a more open political atmosphere but are meant to "strengthen socialism."

His difficulty is that the status quo looks increasingly untenable — but if he takes a step back, public frustration seems sure to grow, and if he takes a step forward, the country's system may come into question. (East Berlin — Reuters)

A year-long drift to the right

Greek composer joins Conservatives

MIKIS THEODORAKIS, internationally known as composer of the theme for the film "Zorba the Greek," was for many years a symbol of the communist struggle in Greece.

But this month he took the final step in a year-long drift to the right and announced he was withdrawing allegiance to run for a conservative seat in Parliament in national elections in two weeks.

"What got me moving was that they killed another deputy," he said in a recent interview, referring to the murder of Paul Bakoyannis by leftist guerrillas in September.

"If only to find the murderer, I'm going with (Conservative Party leader Constantine) Mitsotakis," he added. "The murder of Bakoyannis brought me back to politics and prompted me to leave my music and planned concerts."

Bakoyannis, a deputy for the conservative New Democracy Party and Mitsotakis' son-in-law, was shot dead in central Athens by the November 17 guerrilla group on September 26.

Theodorakis, 64, is revered by Greeks across the political spectrum for his wide-ranging musical talents and tolerated by most for his sometime quixotic politics.

A prolific composer whose works range from film scores to orchestral works, Theodorakis is adored at home for setting to music the epic poem "Axion Esti" by Greece's 1979 Nobel literature prize winner Odysseas Elytis, which by virtue of its popularity has become the nation's unofficial anthem.

Mitsotakis seized on the publicity factor and beamed as he announced the conversion of the composer, who was elected a Communist Party deputy in 1981 and served for six years, to New Democracy's conservative cause.

Driving the transition from leftist celebrity to new conservative star was a passionate dislike of the socialists who ruled from 1981 until a June election defeat. His harshest criticism is aimed at former prime minister Andreas Papandreu, leader of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok).

"Pasok is a democratic mosaic but the dominant mentality now is fascist... anyone who questions him (Papandreu) is branded a traitor," Theodorakis said.

He added: "Pasok divides Greeks into traitor or patriots."

Theodorakis has been jailed and exiled in the past for his left wing views, and his stand against the military junta which ruled from 1967 until 1974. His rousing music was banned by the junta for inspiring resistance.

"I fought German fascism, I fought Greek fascism and now I'm fighting green fascism," he said, referring to the Pasok party colour.



Mikis Theodorakis stands on his balcony across from the Acropolis during an interview with Reuters. (Reuters wirephoto)

Since the Bakoyannis murder he has made scathing attacks on November 17 guerrillas and the Pasok government which for eight years failed to catch them.

November 17 has killed 14 people since 1975, including US diplomats and soldiers, Greek politicians, industrialists and judges. Everyone seems to have a theory on who is behind the guerrilla group but no arrests have ever been made.

Police guards now protect Theodorakis' hillside home. The upstairs study, adorned with golden record awards for his work, looks out over the nearby Parthenon and other Acropolis temples.

"There is danger from guerrilla attack. Today in Greece 200 personalities are under strict security measures. I can't leave my house without a police escort. Is this a life?" he asked.

Theodorakis said he felt New Democracy was the only party with the resources and resolve to track down November 17 and to clean up what he called the catastrophe left by Pasok rule.

His move to New Democracy is based also on his

friendship with Mitsotakis, which dates from World War Two when the two young men from the island of Crete fought in the resistance against the German occupation.

"The leader of a party plays a great role and I believe in Mitsotakis. I do not have any relations with others in New Democracy," he said.

Running on the party leadership list, he is certain to win a seat but Mitsotakis may find the composer's free-thinking ways difficult to control in Parliament.

"I will not hesitate to vote against a law which I feel does not represent me," he said, and there are several areas where the former communist disagrees with conservative views.

Despite his new party badge he still occasionally describes himself as a free-spirited communist who believes in progress, democracy and freedom.

"I am firstly a patriot and secondly a politically-minded individual," he said. "I am not a communist, a social democrat or anything else. These are labels. I am a free man."

Letters to the editor

Republish Urdu

SIR: Arab Times was the first newspaper in the world, which published Urdu pages along with English and both were equally prominent in Kuwait and Gulf states. It has been a distinguished newspaper for its Urdu pages throughout the world. I have seen many friends sending Arab Times as a gift to friends and relatives everywhere in the world.

Everyone asks why the Urdu pages have been stopped. I have been writing in Urdu pages for years. My friends think that I know the reason and they ask me. I have seen the Arab Times in butcher shops, barber shops, tailor shops, in cloth markets, at baqalas, in laundries and everywhere. It has been useful for highly educated and as well as for common persons who can read Urdu. It was all due to Urdu pages.

All your readers cannot contact you, because they do not know English. So they are just surprised and ask each other. Really it was a great service to Urdu readers in the world, and was credit to the Arab Times. The expatriates were proud of it. We appreciate the services of Arab Times as it has been a friend of the lonely, producing the news article and so on. At present it is like stopping the baby's milk. It looks very strange when we go through the newspaper and we find no Urdu pages. It looks like the pearls are not in the crown.

I request the Chief Editor Mr Ahmed Al-Jarallah, to republish Urdu pages.

Nasim Iqbal Khan
Salmiya

Longing for Urdu

SIR: I wish there were some means to convey the anguish of Urdu speaking people. Continuation of publishing the Urdu page would be the only panacea for them. We request the Arab Times editor to show some kindness and to alleviate our pain. You can imagine the despair and desperation of these people. Longing to see the Urdu pages once again in your well-established and distinguished newspaper. Looking forward for your favourable action in this regard.

Zahid M. Ali
Safat

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Kabul survives summer of crisis

THE Afghan government, widely seen as weakened when Soviet troops quit the country in February, has survived a crisis summer despite by massive aid from Moscow and bitter rifts among its mujahideen enemies.

The current military stalemate is a victory for Kabul and has triggered fears that the Western backers of the mujahideen, instead of aiding the speedy overthrow of President Najibullah's government, may be fuelling an intractable, Lebanon-style war.

"By holding on militarily, the government has changed the diplomatic pictures," one Asian diplomat in the capital said.

"Western strategy was all based on the idea that it would quickly fall."

The government's Achilles heel remains its lack of support among ordinary Afghans, many of whom will whisper their sympathy for the mujahideen even under the noses of the Khad secret police who watch over Kabul's streets.

The mujahideen noose around Afghanistan's government-held cities is still tight. Fears of a guerrilla ambush forced Kabul to close the Salang Highway that runs from the Soviet border to the capital, holding up a convoy of US humanitarian aid.

Food prices are soaring in the city and the guerrilla blockade has made fuel nearly impossible for civilians to obtain. A Soviet airlift of some 30 transport planes a day to Kabul can maintain the government's military needs indefinitely, diplomats say.

The Soviet commitment to defending the regime appears solid.

US officials said last week Soviet aid to Najibullah was worth nearly \$2 billion this year, more than 10 times as large as Washington's weapon aid to the Pakistan-based mujahideen. Afghan officials declined comment on the figures.

Mystery also surrounds the presence — or absence of Soviet military advisers in Afghanistan. (Kabul — Reuters)

Quote me

"THE defendant's lack of remorse suggests little potential for meaningful rehabilitation and demonstrates an increased likelihood of recidivism. Since leaving PTL, Bakker has shown a willingness to continue his solicitation of support through the use of half truth and misrepresentations. ... A substantial term of imprisonment would impress upon the defendant the gravity of his offenses and the need to refrain from similar conduct in the future." — The prosecutors' memo said before sentencing PTL minister Jim Bakker for fraud.

"I got the slices in London. This is my dream on my feet. All my life I hear 'blue suede shoes' and I dream about them." — Kolya Vasin obviously so terribly pleased about his shoes.

"My mother lost her battle... I'm resolved to help win her war... in the name of Susan Komen and in the name of my mother." — Marilyn Quayle, US vice-president's wife vowing to help in the fight against cancer.

"In an effort to end the untenable situation in the West German embassies in Prague and Warsaw... the East German government has arranged... to expel to West Germany the East Germans illegally staying in these embassies by train... through East German territory." — The official East German news agency ADN announcing West Berlin's decision to provide trains to transport the would-be emigrants to West Germany.

"They want to better their position in their group by showing off. Chimpanzees do this within their own group, but humans do it towards another group." — Otto Adang, a Dutch expert on chimpanzees likening chimpanzees to soccer hooligans.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1524 — Spanish surrender Milan to French

1814 — British governor-general of India declares war on Gurkhas of Nepal

1850 — Taiping rebellion in China under Hung Siu-Tsuen, who proclaims himself emperor.

1896 — Italian protectorate of Ethiopia is withdrawn by treaty of Addis Ababa.

1917 — Brazil declares war against Germany in World War I.

1942 — US aircraft carrier Hornet is sunk in Solomon Islands battle in World War II.

1955 — Republic of South Vietnam is proclaimed under Dinh Diem.

1962 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev offers to withdraw missiles from Cuba if United States removes bases in Turkey but is rebuffed.

1975 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat arrives in United States with bid for military and economic aid. He is the first Egyptian head of state to visit the United States.

1976 — UN General Assembly, demonstrating disapproval of apartheid, votes 134-0 to call on member governments to prohibit all "contacts" with the Transkei — first of South Africa black homelands to secure independence.

1979 — South Korea's President Park Chung-Hee is slain in KCIA headquarters.

1987 — Communist Party official in China says peasants soon may be allowed to buy and sell their land rights.

MIDEAST

Arab leaders, Iraqis celebrate Faw rebirth

BAGHDAD, Oct 25, (Reuters): Arab leaders and millions of Iraqis celebrated the rebirth today of a war-blitzed southern oil town dubbed the gate to victory during Iraq's war against Iran.

In a speech to the nation President Saddam Hussein hailed the rebirth of Faw, "the town of sacrifice and gate to the great victory," which fell to Iran in February 1986 and was retaken by Iraqi troops in April last year.

"The same way they sacrificed their blood to liberate Faw, our honest people sacrificed money... to rebuild the town," Saddam said.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman

Yasser Arafat were among Arab leaders in Baghdad, where tens of thousands of people thronged grand festival square.

"Faw has risen again, dressed in colourful clothes woven from the eyelashes of our valiant men and built upon their sweat," he said in the televised speech.

The government has spent millions of dinars (millions of dollars) to celebrate what state-run newspapers called "a miracle of construction, building a new town in only 114 days."

Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan arrived earlier and met with Saddam to deliver a congratulatory letter from King

Fahd.

Saddam said Iraqis rebuilt the town on their own, without foreign help.

"We used our potential without going from door to door asking for help from international organisations or from the big countries," he said.

Schools and most government departments were closed as students lined the main highway from the airport to downtown Baghdad, waving pictures of the arriving Arab leaders and flags of their countries.

Trucks and buses full of cheering youths toured the city decked with pictures of a smiling Saddam in traditional bedouin dress.

An Arab diplomat said the main celebrations were in Baghdad as Faw was felt too dangerous for dignitaries to visit.

The Iraqi and Iranian armies still face each other across the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway near Faw, more than a year after a UN ceasefire ended the Gulf war.

The recapture of Faw by Iraq has been described as the turning point in the eight-year-long Gulf war.

During a 114-day construction programme buildings, roads and sewers were rebuilt in a town that at the end of the conflict was a shell-blackened ruin. Officials have said Faw is ready to receive more than 20,000

inhabitants.

Over 70,000 square metres of roads have been built or asphalted and 100 km (60 miles) of drinking-water pipes laid in the town, official figures show.

More than 170,000 Iraqis and Iranians were believed killed around the town in some of the worst fighting of the war.

Before the conflict Faw was an important terminal for oil pipelines going to the Gulf some 20 km (12 miles) to the south.

Saddam Hussein thanked other Arab states for helping the rebuilding.

Kuwait donated \$10 million to reconstruction. Jordan built a primary school and

houses for government employees and Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem donated trees.

Millions of Iraqis gathered in towns and villages around the country to join the celebrations.

North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Salch and Jordan's King Hussein were among Arab leaders expected in Baghdad.

Iraq, Egypt, North Yemen and Jordan are members of the fledgling Arab Co-operation Council, an economic grouping.

Iraq, which has spent \$3.2 billion rebuilding Faw and the port of Basra, says the work shows it wants lasting peace with Iran.

Khaddafi reverses terrorist stance

Groups were harming Arab cause

CAIRO, Oct 25, (AP): Libya's Moammar Khaddafi has admitted for the first time that he sponsored international terrorism but said he stopped when he discovered the terrorists were working for themselves and not the Arab nation.

He also told Cairo's state-owned weekly magazine Al-Mussawwar, published today, that he wants no confrontation with the United States and would welcome a dialogue toward friendlier relations.

Al-Mussawwar said the interview was conducted a week ago, one day after Khaddafi met with President Mubarak in Tobruk on Libya's Mediterranean coast to discuss improving relations after 16 years of friction.

Khaddafi spoke about a reversal in his policy toward terrorism in reply to a question suggesting that support of "groups that practice terror in the name of revolutionary violence" may have harmed Libya.

"At one point, we supported some of these groups without meticulously examining their aims and role," he told Al-Mussawwar editor Maqram Mohamed Ahmed, a Mubarak confidant.

"But when we discovered that these groups were causing more harm than benefit to the Arab cause, we halted our aid to them completely and withdrew our support."

Sounding apologetic, Khaddafi added: "We erroneously thought that these groups could be part of the (Arab) national liberation movement. But we found out that they were practising terrorism for the sake of terrorism and for other objectives that had nothing to do with our national cause."

Khaddafi, a disciple of the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and the main current proponent of Nasser's ideas on Arab unity, did not say what terror groups he had in mind. One of them is known to be the Palestine Revolutionary Command, a Palestinian group led by Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabry El Banna.

In the past, Khaddafi insisted he helped only national liberation movements.

"Let me tell you frankly that hijacking planes and killing civilians are acts of murder that have nothing to do with combat," Khaddafi said. "Libya should not be called to account for any of these acts, because we have withdrawn our support of such groups."

Khaddafi's sponsorship of international terrorism was the principal cause of his rift with the

Compensate, Italy told

Libyans arrive

NAPLES, Italy, Oct 25, (Reuters): A black-draped cruise liner sailed into Naples today bringing 800 Libyans threatening vengeance if Italy refuses to pay compensation for more than 30 years of colonial rule.

Another 250 Libyans are already in Italy to stage a day of mourning for victims of Italy's colonial rule between 1911 and 1943 when Tripoli says Rome kidnapped 5,000 Libyans and deported them as forced labour.

Libya's powerful revolutionary committees on Monday threatened revenge attacks on Italians and Italian property if Rome did not pay compensation.

But officials in Rome say the issue is closed and was legally resolved by a settlement between Italy and the monarchy of King Idris, signed by Colonel Muammar Khaddafi in 1969.

Romano Argento, head of Naples anti-terrorist police, said striped checks would be made on the ship's passengers before any were allowed ashore.

"There could be 10 or 100 terrorists on board. I have to guarantee the security of those on and off the ship," he told reporters.

As the former Spanish cruise liner Garatna, docked in this southern port hundreds of people, including about 20 women wearing chadors, lined the rails.

The ship was draped with black mourning flags and plastered with huge photographs of deportation scenes and banners demanding compensation.

Unless we reach an agreement with Italy about this catastrophic disaster which has struck our spirits we will not be calmed or satisfied until we are avenged," one banner said in Italian.

Another read: "We are pushed by a sacred anger against fascist Italy for having exposed our country to offence and destruction and the killing of our families."

United States. In Sept 1987, US officials presented to the United Nations a selected chronology specifying 60 cases of what it termed Libya's terrorism and support for various terrorist groups.

US warplanes raided two Libyan cities, the capital Tripoli and the Mediterranean port of Benghazi, in April 1986, 10 days after Libya was blamed for masterminding the bombing of a discotheque in West Berlin frequented by US servicemen. An American soldier and a woman died, and 200 people were wounded.

Israel freezes Arab assets

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Oct 25, (Agencies): Palestinians killed two alleged collaborators with Israel and stabbed to death a 50-year-old woman accused of acting against the Palestinian uprising by dealing in prostitution, Arab reports said today.

As police found the body of one victim in an abandoned car, masked youths appeared on a nearby hill and shouted "Allahu Akbar," the Arab battle cry meaning "God is Great."

The deaths raised to 135 the number of Palestinians killed by fellow Arabs as suspected collaborators, or as drug dealers or prostitutes, during the 22-month Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has frozen assets of Palestinians who are boycotting taxes in the occupied West Bank town of Beit Sahour, an Israeli Arab Parliamentarian who visited the town yesterday said.

Arab Democratic Party leader Abdel Wahab Darwish told Reuters that Israel had frozen bank accounts to break the month-old tax boycott in Beit Sahour.

A source in Israel's military government in the West Bank confirmed that "some accounts have been frozen of people who refuse to pay taxes" but would not comment further.

In Tel Aviv, judges sentenced a 26-year-old Palestinian to life in prison, plus 20 years, for murdering an Israeli construction worker and trying to incite a crowd of public into a steep ravine last month.

The sentence means he will have to spend at least 40 years in prison.

In northern Israel, police reported Arabs on horseback attacked Jewish-owned cars around the city of Akko. Army soldiers reported several horsemen smashed car windshields with stones and then galloped off.

Police said they apprehended one of the horsemen, returning his horse to his family.

Just north of the Gaza Strip, police found the body of a suspected collaborator, Fayed Mohammed Sahawi, 29, in a car trunk. They said initial investigation indicated he was shot to death.

An army bomb squad was called in and used a special robot to open the trunk, fearing the abandoned car could be booby trapped.

In the Maghazat Refugee camp in Gaza, masked youths stabbed and beat to death Fayza Abdel Salam, 50, Arab reporters said. She died at Ashdod hospital in Gaza city.

She was accused of dealing in prostitution, the reports said.

In the West Bank, eight masked men kidnapped Salah Abu Al Wafa, 38, from his home in the northern town of Jenin last night and then took him to death, towns residents said today.

Israel issued a US peace plan to be changed to drop Cairo as a site for Palestinian-Israeli talks and bar exiled Palestinians from participation, officials said today.

The changes were part of a redrafted proposal sent by Foreign Minister Moshe Arens to US Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

The Israeli embassy in Washington yesterday said Arens' letter represented acceptance in principle of Baker's five-point peace plan although it cited two Israeli reservations.

Parliament altogether.

It was a political victory for dovish Labour faction leader Haim Ramon, who urged party members to send a strong message of disapproval over stalled Middle East peace efforts.

Mourning dissent by Labour coincides with frustration by Washington over Shamir's dogged insistence on changes in US Secretary of State James Baker's five-point plan for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Likud Foreign Minister Moshe Arens while visiting Brussels on Monday said Israel agreed with the basic principles of the five points but wanted some "small but significant" changes.

Israel is seeking US assurances to keep the PLO out of the talks and for an agenda restricted to Israel's proposal for elections in the occupied territories, site of a 22-month-old Palestinian revolt.



The last cry
Nineteen-year-old Mohamed Abu Labdeh shouting for help after he is shot by Israeli troops during clashes near the Tulkarem refugee camp on Oct 23. Labdeh was treated by soldiers on the spot but died minutes after this picture was taken. (Reuters wirephoto)

Deputies may change venue

Husseini to seek help

JEDDAH, Oct 25, (Agencies): The acting-speaker of Lebanon's Parliament, Hussein Al-Husseini, said yesterday his members may have to meet outside Beirut if opposing forces prevent them from holding a session to elect a new president.

Arab mediators earlier asked the deputies to meet in Beirut on Nov 7 to formally name a new leader and endorse reform aimed at ending Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

The appeal came after three weeks of reconciliation talks in Taif, Saudi Arabia, among Lebanon's Muslim and Christian deputies convened by members of a special Arab League committee.

But in Beirut 70,000 Christian militants supporting army chief General Michel Qunz staged mass demonstrations and threatened to kill the deputies who they say have compromised Lebanon's sovereignty by failing to obtain the full withdrawal of 33,000 Syrian troops who control two-thirds of the country.

Husseini acknowledged the depth of opposition.

"When it proved that there is an overwhelming force that would prevent us from meeting in a certain place, then we have to choose the best available venue to accomplish our great objective," he told a news conference.

"We only have one alternative — to save Lebanon," he said after a plenary session attended by Saudi King Fahd and the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco.

The Taif plan also provides for the 62 deputies, evenly divided between Muslims and Christians, to meet in a neutral zone near the Green Line dividing Beirut under the supervision of special Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi.

Christian militants blocked parliament's last attempts to elect a head of state in September 1988. That led to the emergence of two rival governments, one headed by Aoun, the other backed by Syria and headed by a Muslim.

Husseini said Ibrahim might have to seek the help of "Algerian, Moroccan or other forces" to ensure protection for the deputies. "But, I repeat, we will not be a hostage to setting a venue," he said.

King Fahd assured yesterday Lebanese lawmakers that an accord to end the conflict in Lebanon that was worked out during their talks in Taif would be implemented along with withdrawal of Syrian troops.

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, reading the statement during a news conference in Jeddah, said, "we ask the Lebanese parliament to meet on Tuesday, Nov 7, to elect a new speaker, approve political reforms and elect a new president."

Faisal said the Arab League would guarantee the implementation of the plan and the term stipulating a partial withdrawal of the Syrian forces to eastern Lebanon within two years after the election of a new president.

"The tripartite Arab committee had reached a total agreement and understanding with Syria on the withdrawal of its troops as the plan provides," he said.

State-run Riyadh radio quoted Fahd as assuring the lawmakers that the Arab League "would not spare any effort to help implement the accord that is the just... and meet the aspirations of all Lebanese."

The Saudi monarch said the Arabs had reached "a full agreement and understanding with Syria" concerning the scheduled, phased withdrawal of Syrian troops.

4 dead in S. Lebanon clashes

KIRYAT SHMONA, Oct 25, (Reuters): Israeli troops shot dead two gunmen in south Lebanon last evening after Israeli-backed Lebanese militiamen killed two Shiite Muslim fighters in a separate clash, the army said.

An army communiqué said: "An Israeli army force on a routine operation in the security zone encountered gunmen north of Marjayoun. The force charged at the gunmen from a short distance and killed them."

The statement said there were no Israeli casualties.

Military sources said the clash took place near the village of Blat, 11 km (seven miles) north of the Israeli border. Troops found automatic rifles and spare ammunition in their possession.

It was not immediately clear whether the gunmen were trying to infiltrate into Israel or to which group they belonged.

Early yesterday, the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia killed two gunmen from the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) movement military sources said.

They said an SLA post was shelled near Kfar Hounah, 23 km (15 miles) from Israel on the edge of Israel's self-declared Lebanese security zone. The SLA returned fire and two bodies were found in the area later with a bomb nearby.

Palestinian and Hezbollah gunmen have frequently tried to penetrate the buffer zone set up by Israel in 1985 to prevent attacks against its northern border.

The mainly Christian 2,500-strong SLA is trained, equipped and financed by Israel. It has patrolled the buffer zone since Israel withdrew the bulk of its forces from Lebanon in 1985.

Meanwhile, rival Shiite Muslim militias clashed in a brief firefight in south Beirut today. Police said one person was killed and two were wounded.

The clash pitted gunmen of the Hezbollah, against others of the mainstream Shiite Amal militia.

Badr testifies

Egyptian Interior Minister Zaki Badr testifies at a Cairo State Security Court on Oct 25. Defence attorneys for members of Egyptian Revolution requested the testimonies of several Egyptian ministers. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sweden knew Bofors' deal

STOCKHOLM, Oct 25, (Reuters): A police witness at the trial of three former directors of Swedish ordnance firm AB Bofors testified yesterday that government agencies knew the company was making illegal shipments to Middle East countries.

The ex-directors are accused of smuggling more than 300 laser-controlled anti-aircraft missiles, valued at 105 million crowns (\$16 million), to Dubai and Bahrain during 1979 and 1980.

Criminal inspector Lars-Erik Wilhelmsson told the court Bofors's own security officer informed him that the robot 70 guns were destined for Dubai and Bahrain.

Sharia laws to continue

NICOSIA, Oct 25, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia, facing criticism for beheading convicted criminals, said it has no intention of changing its strict Islamic sharia laws.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia does not apply man-made laws that could be changed but enforces the rulings handed down by God," Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz was quoted today as saying.

Palestine request

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 25, (KUNA): Palestine requested yesterday membership in the advisory commission of UNRWA, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East.

The commission, which was set up along with UNRWA in a 1949 General Assembly resolution, makes recommendations to the refugee organization.

Speaking before the special political committee, Palestine's deputy permanent observer Riyadh Mansour said 22 years of foreign rule and 22 years of resisting occupation has solidified the unity of the Palestinian people.

Journalist jailed

BEIRUT, Oct 25, (AP): The Christian Lebanese army arrested and imprisoned a Dutch journalist last September, on charges of espionage and drug possession, a Christian judicial source said yesterday.

The source said Charles van der Leuw, who works for the Dutch broadcasting company, Veronica, and other Dutch and Belgian media, "was being interrogated by the Lebanese judicial authorities on charges of spying and possessing an amount of hashish."

Families expelled

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon, Oct 25, (Reuters): The pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army has expelled the families of three militiamen who defected to the Muslim Amal militia, security sources said today.

They said troops of the mainly-Christian SLA yesterday ordered 28 family members expelled from the village of Aita Al-Saab in Israel's self-declared south Lebanon security zone. Their homes were sealed by the SLA, the sources added.

Assembly appeal

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 25, (KUNA): The General Assembly appealed yesterday for international support for the second phase of operation Kifara Sudan.

In a resolution, adopted by consensus, the assembly noted the continuing natural disasters and civil strife in the Sudan, endemic droughts, crop failures and food shortages and destruction of socio-economic infrastructure.

The resolution calls upon the international community to continue to respond fully to requests for relief and reconstruction aid.

Hassan-Diout talks

RABAT, Oct 25, (Reuters): Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, in Morocco for an inter-African conference of socialist and democratic parliaments, held talks with King Hassan of Morocco yesterday, the official MAP news agency reported.

Christians accept plan

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outside Beirut because of the threats against them.

Asked by reporters if the statement split Christian East Beirut, National Liberation Party (NLP) leader Danny Chamoun said: "We are keen that there will be no division and we don't accept any."

The front includes the NLP, the Phalange Party and the Lebanese Forces (LF).

Aoun was quoted today as saying he would not stand for President in the country.

"I am not a candidate," Aoun said in an interview with the Paris daily Le Figaro.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia said Israel must withdraw from its self-proclaimed security zone in south Lebanon as a condition for a full settlement of the Lebanese crisis.

"How can Lebanon return as it was while Israel is present in Lebanese territory?" the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) late yesterday quoted King Fahd as asking Lebanese parliamentarians in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

In Washington, the White House spokesman said the administration of President George Bush supported the plan.

President George Bush discussed the prospects for peace in Lebanon in telephone calls with Pope John Paul II, President Francois Mitterrand of France and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, the White House said today.

In Paris, popular Maronite Parliament deputy Raymond Eddé became the first politician to announce publicly that he would be a candidate in the presidential election.

But Eddé, who has been living in self-imposed exile in France following attempts to assassinate him in Lebanon, said he would remain in Paris and not travel to Beirut for the election.

China stops arms to Afghan rebels

KABUL, Oct 25, (AP): China has cut its arms supplies to Afghan rebels and is normalizing relations with Kabul's Soviet-backed government, Chinese and other Asian diplomats said yesterday.

The main reasons for Beijing's move, the diplomats said, are the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and China's efforts to cement ties with socialist countries and end the coalition that followed its crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in June.

A Kabul-based Chinese diplomat said Beijing has started trading with Afghanistan and generally supports President Najibullah's attempts to unite the country.

"We would like to see a broad-based coalition of forces unite in this country," said the diplomat, who like his colleagues spoke on condition of anonymity. "We don't care who is in power. That's the internal affair of Afghanistan."

China was a major supplier of the rebels, the diplomats said they were not sure how Beijing's move would affect the fighting.

Other Asian diplomats said the policy change began after the withdrawal of the last Soviet troops in February. In June, the first Sino-Soviet summit in 30 years, held in Beijing, quickened the pace. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev apparently was assured China would

stop arming the rebels.

"The Soviets have withdrawn from Afghanistan," said the Chinese official. "That was our main goal. We see no need to continue our support of the rebels."

China began supplying the rebel forces soon after Moscow intervened in Afghanistan in December 1979.

Chinese assault rifles, mortars, small rockets, grenades and other light arms were the weapons of choice for many rebel groups, although China's support never reached the level of American assistance, which is about \$600 million a year.

Asian diplomats predicted the rebels would continue to be supplied with Chinese arms purchased from the international arms market.

Rebel government Information Minister Najibullah Lafraie told reporters the newly formed National Salvation Society, comprising 15 prominent Afghans, was a Soviet plot and said mujahideen rebels would not negotiate with it.

The group said in Kabul on Sunday it aimed to act as "honest brokers" between the government and the rebels in a bid to end the 11-year conflict that has left an estimated 1.3 million Afghans dead.

Call for release of all hostages

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 25, (KUNA): The Commonwealth yesterday called for the immediate safe release of all hostages "wherever and by whomsoever they are held."

It also called upon all states to see their political influence in accordance with the principles of international law and humanitarian obligations to secure the safe release of all hostages and abducted persons.

In a joint communiqué released at the end of the week-long Commonwealth heads of government meeting (Chogm) here, the Commonwealth reaffirmed the condemnation of terrorism in all its forms.

Israeli coalition defeats no-confidence motions

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 25, (Reuters): Israeli Labour Party legislators defied their leaders by sitting out a no-confidence vote in a show of frustration against the headline policies of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The coalition led by Shamir's rightist Likud Party easily defeated the six motions by left-wing and Arab parties by a vote of 34 to 13 with six abstentions yesterday, ending a stormy seven-hour session.

But only a handful of Labour's 28 parliamentarians — excluding cabinet ministers — heeded appeals by Labour Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to support the coalition in which the party is junior partner.

Four Labour members sat passively through the electronic tally while the rest "voted with their legs" by leaving the chamber or staying away from

Ethiopian rebels advance

NAIROBI, Oct 25, (Reuters): Rebels advancing southwards in northern Ethiopia said today they had captured the garrison town of Mekane Selame, 200 km (120 miles) from the capital Addis Ababa.

The clandestine radio of the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), said the town, in the neighbouring province of Wollo, fell on Sunday.

It was the most southern town to be captured by rebel forces.

The TPLF says Ethiopia's Soviet-backed government is sending reinforcements to the

provincial capital Desse following the army's retreat last week from Weldiya, its last big garrison in northern Wollo.

The reported capture of Mekane Selame shows the rebels to be pressing south and outflanking Desse, 120 km (75 miles) to the north-east.

The TPLF and its allies the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement (EPDM) have been advancing into Wollo and Gondar provinces to the south and south-west from their stronghold in Tigray province since the end of August.

EVENTS

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Rijal Fi Al Masyada: Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Farooq Al Fishawi, Hala Fuad, Sahar Rami, Mahmood Al Qalaawi
11.30 Open University: Cultural Programme
12.00 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
12.15 Hiwar Wa Nagham: Local Programme, prepared by Qasem Abdul Qader
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
1.30 Sports in a Week: Local sports programme, prepared

by the Sports Programme Control
3.15 Variety
3.30 Liqa Al Kamees: Variety Programme
5.00 Alice In Wonderland: Cartoon serial (Part 1)
5.30 Cartoons
5.45 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements
6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: Historical serial (Part 22)
7.00 Egypt Information Message to the State of Kuwait
7.15 Al Forosiya: Local programme
7.45 Kul Al Fonoon: Variety Programme, prepared by Hasan Awara
8.30 Maa Al Islam: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkour
9.00 Arabic news
9.15 Al Mukafa: Arabic

serial (Part 7)
10.45 Ya Azizi Kulona Losos: Arabic film, starring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Saeed Saleh, Layla Alawi and Salah Qabeel
12.30 Special Variety
1.25 News summary
1.30 The World Today via Satellite
2.00 Holy Quran and Closedown
FRIDAY
9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
9.25 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Children's Magazine: Children's local programme
10.30 Al Ahadeeth Al Mawdooa: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael
11.00 Live from the Grand Mosque for the Friday Prayers and speeches
12.30 Alwan: Variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Al Fares and presented by Fatma Abdul Wahab
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
1.30 Friday Break: Variety programme, prepared and presented by Kuwait Television Varieties Control
3.15 Nahno Asdiqauk: Local programme
3.30 Daqat Al Saa: Comedy serial (Part 4)
4.15 Hadeeth Dine: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Mohammed Metwalli Al Sharawi
5.00 Alice In Wonderland: Cartoon serial (Part two)
5.30 Cartoons
5.45 Night Chemists, airlines and official advertisements

6.00 KTV Programmes in a week
6.30 Kuwait in a week: News programme
7.15 Family Programme: Local programme
7.45 Silk Road: Cultural programme (Part 4)
8.40 Hadeeth Al Osboos: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Wrestling
10.30 Min Al Alef Illa Al Yaa: Variety cultural programme with Yousif Idrees as guest of honour
11.45 News Summary
11.50 The World Today via Satellite
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 Fantastic Max: A cartoon series for children
6.30 Mr Wizard's World
7.00 Wild America: "The Grouse and the Goshawk". Two types of birds with short wings one of them belongs to Hawk family.
7.30 My Secret Identity: "Only Trying to Help". Andrew's mother reads his diary. She thinks he suffers from a certain mental disease.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Treasure Island in Outer Space
9.30 Just For The Record: Speed ... jumping ... The fastest car in Australia ... The most dangerous jumps made by ice-skaters.
10.00 Annie McGuire: "Lewis In Love".
10.30 Feature Film: "The

Gunfighters". Starring: George Kennedy, Tony Addabbo. Three men have to fight against a powerful landlord who attempts to prevent them from selling their land.
12.00 News in Brief
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite

FRIDAY

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
6.10 Macron I. A cartoon series for children
6.30 Walt Disney "The Biscuit Eater". A farmer believes that his dog is spoiled and useless. But his son takes care of the dog and tries to prove that his dog is opposite.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.45 Yellow River "The River's Source". The Yellow River runs for thousands of kilometres from its source to its estuary ... It was a cradle for many old civilizations that flourished on its banks since 1600 BC.
9.30 The Weekend Programme: A weekly local programme.
10.00 Roseanne "Language Lesson". "Dan" looks fed up from Jackie, Roseanne's sister, who stays with them. So Jackie decides to move into a hotel.
10.30 UNSAB "Clean State". Time-explosives keep Seattle City on alarm. The CID have to investigate the matter and find the party behind planting such explosives.
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite



KTV 2, Friday 10.00 pm — Roseanne

Condolence meeting

Malayalee community in Kuwait held a condolence meeting on the sad demise of Dr N.V. Krishna Warrier, a great intellectual of Kerala, a gifted writer, journalist and the chief editor of the popular Malayalam daily Mathrubhoomi. The meeting was conducted in the Indian embassy auditorium on Friday, Oct 20 evening. Balan Nambiar, a literary activist chaired the occasion. P.M. Sudhakaran read out the condolence message. Others who spoke on the occasion were N.V.K. Warrier, Dr Nandakumar, R.V. Haiderali, E. Karunakaran, K. Siddi, Shaktikulangara Williams, K.P. Balakrishnan, T.K. Harris, Sam Panunmood, Thomas Chittetham, Sainu Pallitazhath and Babu Thumpamom. A number of letter lovers were present to express their respects to the departed great son of India. The picture shows P.M. Sudhakaran reading out the condolence message. Seating are N.V.K. Warrier, Harish and Balan Nambiar.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Therban Pharmacy
Khalaf Street
Al Ojail Pharmacy
Mubarakia
Hawalli and Nagra
Shamsan Pharmacy

Ebin Khaldoon Street
Salmiya and Rumaidiya
Qurtoba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak Street
Fahabel and Ahmadi
Adel Pharmacy
Al Awadhi Building

Farwaniya
Al Hasawiya Pharmacy
Al Mnawer Complex
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Souq

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Art
A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

SOCIAL

Festival of Lights

OCT 28: A seasonal programme for IAC members and guests on Sat 28th. For passes contact Mohan George 3904817 (after 6.30pm) or Vijay Sharma (2644863).

Navellim Youth Centre
NOV 16: A annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945

Navellim feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navellim will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

Known to be one of the biggest feasts in Salceite Goa, people from all walks of life and communities flock to Navellim Church. Likewise, it has been traditionally celebrated by Navellim youths in Kuwait with much pomp and gaiety, followed by a get-together.

Rose-making

FOR the first time in Kuwait, there will be a rose-making course. Interested ladies are invited with obligations. Please contact Nodia on 2428942 or 2645576.

Narthana

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608, 2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

Konkani drama

Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Boyer will present "Chintnam Zalim Sopnam" a Konkani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz, Remy Colaco, Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near GPO).

Anarkali

OCT 29: Special passes for IAC members for the Anarkali Ballet available in the IAC office.

Kuwait Kannada Koota

NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/574-5483/3714089.

Magic show

NOV. 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. International famous Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yulide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

Piano Recital

THALIA Myers, a well known pianist will be giving a Piano Recital in the Mousetrap Theatre on Wednesday, November 15th at 8 pm. Tickets are KD4. Her repertoire will be music from Edwin Rozburgh, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Gabriel Jackson & Brahms. She will also have a Master Class from 4 pm — 6 pm in the New English School on Tuesday, November 14th. For further information please contact: 5313287 & 5313288 from 8 am — 2 pm, Saturday — Wednesday.

Rock'n'Roll

SPEND a night of Nostalgia with Music from 1955-1965 at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite Star of the Era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

Barefoot in the Park

There are now only a few tickets available for the gala performance at 8 pm on Oct 31, 1989 of the hilarious comedy "Barefoot in the Park." Tickets for the gala performance are KD4.000, which include a light buffet after the show. Other performances are from Nov 1 to 4, inclusive, at 8 pm, and tickets for these performances are KD3.000 each. The play is directed by Ken Winston and produced by Glenis Muckle. If its laughter you're after, you are advised to reserve your seats now, by ringing 3903475. The performance will be at

the Mousetrap Theatre in the New English School.

House guest

LEADING British theatrical group the Cafe Theatre will be staging Francis Durbridge's House Guest at the Kuwait International Hotel on Nov 3 and 4 in the Grand Ballroom at 8.00 pm. Tickets available at reception at 253000/8040. The group will also hold workshops with local acting groups. Informal discussions will be encouraged and emphasis will be on improvisation, voice training and movement. Interested groups to contact Public Relations or the Sales Department.

Kalpek's drama competition
Kerala Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpek) is organising a Malayalam drama competition on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will only be considered for the competition. Prizes will be awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction. Stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir award) best actress & best child artist, from the selected entries. Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Varghese Paradayil, P.O. Box 47, 13001 Safat Kuwait.

For more details pls contact Varghese 5635481, Kurien 5658072 or Balakrishnan 4316737.

Halloween Party

CHILDREN'S Halloween Party on Oct 31 at the Kuwait International Garden Pool. Fancy costumes are a must. Delightful prizes for the fancy dresses. Games, music, entertainment, magic show, Disneyland characters, a huge Kid-die castle and "be-witching" dishes for dinner. KD3.500 for child under 12 years and KD4.500 for adult. From 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Tickets on sale at reception.

People's Trust Club

DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelty and surprises galore. Contact Columbus at 4348218.

Bharathi Mela '89

A DAY of fun and enjoyment on November 3, 1989, at Indian Embassy Hall, with lots of games for children as well as adults from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. For details, please contact Tel: 4898891 or 3920820 or 5612114 or 5627718 or 3726821 or 2465712.

Big City Night

NOVEMBER 2: 8.00 pm — Roman Theatre on the Green Island, Sea Front. Dana Al Khaleef present Earthquake, High Spirits and Stepping Stones in an evening of rock-pop music. For ticket reservations phone 2402909, 2451844, 2451845, 9024265 (any time).

Kala's anniversary
KERALA Art Lovers Association "Kala" celebrates its 11th anniversary on October 27, 1989 at Indian Embassy Auditorium.

Drawing and painting competitions for the children will start in the morning at 08:00 am. No admission fee and paper for drawing will be supplied by Kala.

In the cultural meeting at 1:30 pm a condolence resolution will be presented by P.C. Harish for Dr N.V.K. Warrier, a well-known litterarist and journalist. As the part of the cultural dignitaries as Cherukad, Vayalar, Joseph Mundassery and Dr K.N. Eshuthachan by Mohan Vadanappally, Sulekha Jamal, Sam Eynmood and Pushpa Narayanan respectively. To promote the study of Malayalam language among the Malayalee students in Kuwait, Kala will conduct an elocution competition in Malayalam at 3:00 pm which will be inaugurated by Mr Sakthikulangara Williams.

The general meeting will be inaugurated by the Indian Ambassador H.E. Arun Kumar Budhiraja at 5:00 pm. In accordance with the general meeting there will be an illumination of Kala's supplement which will be done by Varghese Gee, the First Secretary of the Indian embassy. A colorful variety entertainment programmes will be staged such as set piece, welcome dance, snake dance, Bharatanatyam etc. Cholkazha (illustration) directed by Rajan Kilimanur and two one-act plays directed by Sabu Mavelikara and Rajan Ayiroor. will be the main programmes.

Bob Marley Night

A TRIBUTE to the King of Reggae will be held at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club Open Air Auditorium on Thursday, November 10, 1989 from 8 pm to 10.30 pm.

Steve Michael the lead vocalist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed by The Reggae Connection. Tickets priced at KD3/- are available on sale at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club — Tel: 2530388; Shaab Sea Club — Tel: 5640205; Bidaa Sea Club — Tel: 5731477 and Swan Lake Recordings Tel: 5721030.

The concert, a repeat of the show held last November at the SAS Tent, is being arranged

and presented by Phil Danielle and is open to all — families and singles.

Ladies International League
THE purpose of L.I.L. is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of L.I.L. you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture. Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining L.I.L.

Up and coming events:

Bazaar

NOV 2, 1989, at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room from 10am-6pm. Come along and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Tents, Al Assef Gifts, SAS Hotel and the Art Shop Salmiya will be there. Raffle and door prizes. Everyone welcome.

SPORTS

Tug-of-war

THE organising committee of the United Goans Centre announces their second annual tug-of-war competition to be held on November 10, 1989 at Sour grounds from 7.30 onwards and it is open to all expatriates. Attractive prizes for finalists. For entries please contact: Tony Gonsalves Tel. 2612024 & Moses Menezes Tel. 2427179.

Halloween night

THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flaskik), will host one of the most enjoyable Halloween parties ever, on Tuesday, Oct 31, 1989 at the Al-Fintas poolside of the Meridien Hotel at 6.30 pm. Fun, wholesome entertainment, and an eerie but mystical evening is in store for everyone who has been clamouring for tickets for this enchanted night. Members of the Filipino community and their friends once again are giving their generous support to Flaskik since the proceeds of this activity will be channelled to various welfare projects of Flaskik, an organisation which has been actively involved in caring for the distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait, especially those in the domestic service. A sumptuous dinner prepared by Meridien's international chef awaits the guests for the evening. Trophies and valuable gift items will be donated by the projects' major sponsor, M.H. Muhammad Abdul Salam, managing partner of Jamal Al Ghanim Supermarkets. These prizes will be awarded to the winner of the contest "Search for Michael Jackson in Thriller sync-alike," based on the movie "Thriller." A contest for the best costume will also be held for the guests.

For more information, kindly contact: Rose Formates, Flaskik PR on 4843601, or 4812348; vice-president Chary Nepomuceno, on 5634509; secretary Marilyn M. Inductivo on 3940600/4521 or 2230; director Cely gayaba, on 3940600/4118, Evelyn Dungo on 5312700/4521 or 2269. Tickets are available at: Far East Restaurant, Durani Restaurant, Select Stationeries, Ambassador Stores, Bobby's Gift Shop and from Flaskik officers.

Meanwhile, Flaskik, President Grace Fe N. Covarrubias received a letter from Virginia Noora, she was repatriated to the Philippines last Sept 30. She was confined at the Psychiatric hospital for treatment and transferred to Sulabiya Central Prison. Aside from FLASSIK, she also extends her thanks to Consul-General Olivia V. Palala, Attorney Loi Cortel and the Filipino community for the assistance extended to her during her duress.



Deep Dewali

L.D. Mishra invited guests into the Indian Arts Circle celebration hall for the Deep Dewali celebrations.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Arabic film
Salmiya
Hall booked
Al Hamra
Arabic film
Drive-in
Al Firdous
Dharam Yudh
Fahabel Open
Laava
Fahabel
Prem Kahani
Al Jahra
Arabic film
Granada
Low blow
Salaikhkhat
Moonam Paakam
Jeeb
Dil Tujh Ki Diya
Ahmadi Drive-in
Arabic film

FRIDAY

Al Andalus
Arabic film
Salmiya
Hall booked
Al Hamra
Arabic film
Drive-in
Al Firdous
Dharam Yudh
Fahabel Open
Raj Tilak
Fahabel
Prem Kahani
Al Jahra
Halloween III
Granada
Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani
Salaikhkhat
Roller Boogie
Jeeb
Badaluty Rashley
Ahmadi Drive-in
Arabic film

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.37 am
Zuhr	11.32 am
Asr	2.43 pm
Maghreb	5.07 pm
Isha	6.25 pm
FRIDAY	
Fajr	4.37 am
Friday prayers	11.32 am
Asr	2.42 pm
Maghreb	5.06 pm
Isha	6.24 pm

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Sudan to hold 3-week economic conference

KHARTOUM, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Sudan's military rulers, facing a huge foreign debt, soaring inflation and a costly civil war, will hold a three-week conference on ways to get the economy moving, state radio Omudman said today.

The radio said the Khartoum conference, from October 30 to November 21, would be chaired by Colonel Salah El Din Karar, the Revolutionary Council member responsible for the economy.

It said academics, army officers, businessmen and government economists would take part.

Sudan's trade deficit stood at \$1.4 billion in the fiscal year ending in June. Total foreign debt was more than \$13 billion, about a quarter of it due for repayment.

Factories are working at a fraction of capacity due to lack of hard currency to buy spare parts and raw materials. Residents say only a few essential commodities can be found, at exorbitant prices.

The annual inflation rate is officially said to be 80 per cent but unofficially estimated at over 100 per cent.

Communications are often virtually non-existent in many parts of Africa's largest country. Diplomats say corruption is rampant at all levels of the civil service despite attempts by the new military government to stamp it out.

A six-year civil war in the south is costing the government 11 million Sudanese pounds (\$2.4 million) a day, according to official figures.

War and famine killed a quarter of a million people in the south last year and drove more than three million others into exile or into northern Sudan. Floods, locusts and drought have added to the country's misery.

The junta which overthrew a civilian government on June 30, accusing it of destroying the economy, held talks with International Monetary Fund (IMF) officials this month on economic reforms.

The IMF wants a devaluation and cuts in government spending, including an end to subsidies on basic items like bread and sugar which cost billions of pounds.

CFC chief signs \$75m syndicated facility

KUWAIT, Oct. 25, (Kuna): Chairman and managing director of Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Co. Abdullah Al Ghabadi announced today that a \$75 million medium-term syndicated facility for the Commercial Facilities Company of Kuwait was signed today.

Mishari Al Khaled, chairman of CFC, signed on behalf of the borrower. Al Khaled noted that this event is another important milestone in the development of the relationship of Commercial Facilities Company with various financial institutions.

The \$75 million medium-term loan is arranged as a club deal for 48 months with a group of sixteen local and international banks and financial institutions from Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Switzerland and Spain.

The facility was oversubscribed by 60 per cent despite the favourable changes in the terms and conditions for the borrower. These changes mainly reflect CFC excellent performance, as observed in its 1988 profit, which was higher by 11.6 per cent as compared to 1987.

The loan is arranged and managed by Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company.

Markets mark time

LONDON, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Currency and stock markets marked time today, awaiting figures from Washington which could show whether the US economy is slowing down after more than seven years of growth.

The dollar dipped in Frankfurt but strengthened slightly in London to close at 1.8395 West German marks compared with a close of 1.8379 on Tuesday. It was also marginally up against other major currencies and closed at 141.60 Japanese yen.

Dealers were unwilling to commit themselves ahead of tomorrow's publication of US gross national product (GNP) figures for the third quarter of this year, a key indicator of the health of the US economy.

A slowdown would allow the US Federal Reserve, the Federal Reserve, to lower the high interest rates it has put in place to contain inflation.

The latest GNP data are expected to show a rise of about 2.3 per cent after a 2.5 per cent increase in the second quarter.

"Once people start to look at non-defence orders they will realise the US economy is not doing that well after all, which might be a reason for the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates," one currency dealer said.

Winter schedule comes into operation

Kuwait vital destination for BA

By M.C. Bose
Business editor

KUWAIT is an important destination for British Airways, Nigel Page BA's Regional Sales manager told the Arab Times. "Our daily flights are extremely popular and we are consistently looking at ways to fine-tune the already high service standards on board our aircraft."

He said in particular this year "we have focussed on the services which we offer our Arab passengers. We have also introduced Arab national cabin crew on all Middle East services, launched an Arabic in-flight magazine and ensured that the cuisine and in-flight entertainment is appropriate for Arab tastes and appreciation."

"We are fortunate that our efforts locally have been supported by the Middle East Visitors Service in London, who continue to provide an essential meet, greet and assist service for our customers at London's Heathrow," Page added.

Kuwait will continue to be served by a daily non-stop service

to and from Heathrow airport with a mixture of night and day-time flights to suit the needs of travellers.

East bound from Kuwait, passengers can travel non-stop to Madras (Wednesday and Sunday), Delhi (Thursday and Sunday) and Karachi (Monday, Thursday and Friday).

British Airways new winter schedule comes into effect from October 29 with flights serving 17 destinations in the Middle East and Indian Ocean.

British Airways yesterday organised a press luncheon at the Kuwait Sheraton to brief the press about the airline's new winter schedule and its expansion drive. Two guests from London, Chris Holt, Creative Services manager and George Masri, Arabic editor of the British Airways Arabic in-flight magazine, who also works for BBC in London, attended the meeting.

Laurence O'Toole, BA's manager of Kuwait and Iraq, Vivian L. Lines, Dubai manager of Gulf Hill and Knowlton also took part in the press luncheon.



Picture shows from (left to right) Laurence O'Toole, Chris Holt, George Masri and Nigel Page.

Iraq tries to revitalise its economy: Hammadi

Baghdad welcomes UK investment

LONDON, Oct. 25, (Kuna): Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Dr Saddam Hammadi has indicated that his country's economic reform programme, which was started during the war, has been refined, expanded and adapted to the new post-war conditions.

Hammadi said this in a speech delivered on his behalf by the Iraqi Ambassador in London, Dr Azmi Al Salehi, at a dinner organised by the Arab British Chamber of Commerce this evening.

The Iraqi deputy premier for economic affairs added that new areas of "economisation have been identified in the public expenditure and new measures have been taken to save more."

He noted that an important positive achievement in this respect is the significant cut-down in the amount of manpower under arms.

More than 200,000 soldiers have already been released from the army, after the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq last year,

Hammadi added. Hammadi was due to be in London today to deliver this speech but he had to leave because he is taking part in Iraq's celebrations, marking the rebuilding of the Faw peninsula.

In his address, he warned that overall military expenditure cannot be fully adapted to peace conditions before a comprehensive agreement is reached with Iran under UN Security Council Resolution 598.

Hammadi spoke in detail about Iraq's plan to revitalise its economy, and the measures taken in that respect including the removal of administrative restrictions.

In the field of reconstruction of war damage, Iraq gave priority to its oil exports and to sea export-import facilities to make up for the closed Shatt Al Arab water outlet to the sea, Hammadi went on.

Turning to civilian reconstruction of urban communities badly

hit by Iranian shelling, he said that Iraq followed non-conventional methods in the reconstruction, based on high self-reliance and time record speed as was manifested in the campaign to reconstruct Basra and Faw.

In reference to deficit financing during the war, he said it has created inflation tendencies in Iraqi economy at the rate of about 10-11 per cent annually.

The Iraqi senior official admitted that Baghdad came out of the war with some "important dead burden which we have to deal with."

Hammadi also acknowledged that Iraq has in the short term a liquidity problem, but he emphasised that his country is relatively rich in natural resources, especially oil reserves, which is second only to Saudi Arabia.

In the area of debt management, Iraq's policy is based on reaching agreements with the creditor countries on the individual country basis.

Hammadi pledged that "countries which have extended some credits have no reason to worry about repayment for economic as well as political reasons."

On the need for a lasting settlement with Iran, he made it clear that this is vital also for the long term development programme.

Hammadi reaffirmed that his country was committed to a lasting and comprehensive peace with Iran, and Baghdad believes that direct negotiations should be held in accordance with the agreement of August 8, 1988.

He noted that Iran has not made a firm decision to make peace yet.

The Iraqi deputy premier called on Britain to play a role in securing a lasting comprehensive peace agreement in the Gulf.

He then referred to the "traditionally strong Anglo-Iraqi economic relations, and welcomed any expansion in British investments and economic activities in this country."

IDB approves \$78.9m in loans

NICOSIA, Oct. 25, (Reuters): The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has approved loans totalling \$78.9 million for development projects and technical aid to member countries, the Saudi Press Agency said today.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said total loans approved so far this year and mainly involving the 46 member states stood at over \$138 million.

The latest loans were approved during a four-day meeting of directors of the Jeddah-based bank, established by the Islamic Conference Organisation in 1975.

Libya will get \$14 million to equip two construction block factories. The amount is to be repaid over nine years with a two-year grace period.

The bank also agreed to finance foreign trade transactions with a value of about \$58 million relating to five member states — Algeria, Egypt, Pakistan, Turkey and North Yemen.

Directors approved the spending of over \$ half-a-million on educational projects for Islamic communities in non-member states. These include establishing ten centres in Zimbabwe to teach the Holy Quran.

'Intelligent toilet'

Japanese firms develop

TOKYO, Oct. 25, (AP): A new toilet developed by three Japanese companies may make it possible to avoid those embarrassing physical examinations with the family doctor.

Omron Tateisi Electronics Co., Toto Ltd. and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. have developed a high-tech toilet which can measure the vital signs of the user privately in his own bathroom, a spokesman for Omron, Kazuo Mogi, said today.

The "intelligent toilet" automatically releases a piece of litmus paper into the toilet bowl when it is being used. Within three minutes, optical sensors analyse the urine and reveal on a screen near the toilet the level of sugar, protein, urobilinogen — a chromogen produced by bilirubin, related to bile — and blood in urine as occult blood.

The user also can measure his blood pressure and pulse by inserting his finger into a blood pressure device built into one side of the toilet. The data are displayed on the screen.

Mogi said the project, begun in 1986, was aimed at developing a product which would enable people "to monitor their health in their own homes."

"It is our dream that someday people's homes will be linked via communications lines to a health centre" which could monitor the changes in the vital signs read by the toilet, he said.

But given the high cost expected for the product, the companies predict that sales will be mostly to institutional users, such as athletic clubs, health clinics and apartment complexes, he said.

The toilet's price has not yet been set, Mogi said.

The toilet allows users to have their vital data memorized by a credit card-sized computer card each time they use the toilet. This allows each user to keep a running tab on his health, although he might use the "intelligent toilet" only occasionally, the companies said.

Miners strike

New challenge to Gorbachev

MOSCOW, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Miners in at least three pits in the city of Vorkuta, high in the Arctic circle, went on strike today in a new challenge to President Mikhail Gorbachev.

A spokesman for the city strike committee said by telephone from Vorkuta that miners at three of the region's 13 mines had already stopped work after an overwhelming vote in favour of a strike.

Miners at a fourth pit had voted to strike from midnight and balloting was still going on at other pits in the area, the spokesman said.

The margin of the vote at the first three pits, including Vargashorskaya, the largest in the area employing more than 3,800 men, suggested that they too would vote to strike.

A resolution adopted by the miners called for the direct election of the Soviet president and the abolition of a clause in the Soviet constitution guaranteeing the leading role of the Communist Party.

Strikes in the energy sector are banned under an emergency resolution passed by the Soviet parliament at the start of this month but there has been no indication that authorities will intervene to break them.

Disagreements within the Soviet leadership are stalling urgent measures to save the economy, Gorbachev said in remarks published today.

Deputy Prime Minister Leonid Abalkin, a radical economist, said in an interview also published today that the country needed quick decisions, not more discussions, to halt economic decline.

Gorbachev, in a meeting on Monday with editors at the Communist Party daily Pravda, said his government was having difficulty drawing up a promised emergency programme to help the economy.

"Now that we are discussing urgent measures to improve the financial market, the next years' plans and laws on forming economic relations, there are some misunderstandings," he said, according to Pravda's account of the session.

"The misunderstandings" are hampering us from united approaches which would guarantee successful solutions to the tasks of perestroika, Gorbachev said, referring to his reform programme.

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Greenspan plays central role

Financial experts give silver lining to cloud of near-crash

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Financial officials around the world provided a silver lining to the cloud of this month's stock market slide, co-operating quietly to prevent a nasty scare turning into a full-blown crisis.

Unlike recent splashy currency-market intervention to rein in the dollar, their policy co-ordination after Wall Street's seven per cent plunge on Friday the 13th was unobtrusive.

No meeting was called, no group statement was issued and there was no joint initiative to pump cash into the markets.

But the Group of Seven (G-7) leading industrialised nations was active over the weekend, working to ensure that Wall Street's fall did not lead to a world crash when Asian and European markets opened on Monday the 16th.

The causes of the slide were thoroughly analysed. Top officials were in close contact by phone. Contingency plans were laid in case October 16 turned into a repeat of Black Monday exactly two years earlier when shares in New York plunged 22.6 per cent and triggered stock market crashes across the world.

In the event, stock prices rebounded sharply as investors judged that the collapse of a takeover bid for UAL Corp., which touched off the slide, was not the end of the world after all.

UAL's troubles, however, provoked another swift fall of Wall Street stocks yesterday. The brief drive was immediately mirrored

on European markets, demonstrating just how jittery stock markets remain since Friday the 13th.

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, the US Central Bank, played a central role in the G-7's emergency plans after Wall Street's plunge 12 days ago.

It is impossible to say to what extent confidence in the ability of Greenspan and other policymakers put a floor under the world's markets.

But Finance Ministry and Central Bank officials interviewed by Reuters in several G-7 capitals believe they got it right — doing enough to reassure anxious investors but not over-reacting in a way that could have fuelled panic.

"We're pleased with the working relationship, and if something like this happens again we feel we'll be well prepared for it," a senior US Treasury official said.

No-one was prepared for the wave of selling that hit the New York market on Friday the 13th, driving the Dow Jones industrial average down 154 points in 65 minutes after news broke that the \$6.79 billion UAL buyout was on the rocks.

Soon, three men who probably know more than anyone else about the 1987 market crash swung into action — Nicholas Brady, who led a presidential investigation of that crash before he became US Treasury Secretary, and his senior assistants Robert Glauher and David Mullins, both of whom had worked

with Brady on studying the 1987 crash.

After calling Greenspan, other US monetary officials and Brady's former Wall Street colleagues, the three met after the stock market closed. They pored over charts showing historical price trends and trading volumes and reviewed what they knew.

Their initial conclusion? The market had undergone a brutal technical correction, but there was no reason to believe a repeat of Black Monday 1987 was in the offing.

Brady issued a brief statement: "Today's stock market decline doesn't signal any fundamental change in the condition of the economy."

The Bank of England, which conferred late that Friday with the New York Fed, also sought to calm investors, saying it "has no reason for such an exaggerated fall in London share values" as the one on Wall Street.

Dozens of international phone calls on Saturday and Sunday reinforced the general view that the storm would quickly pass.

"The feeling here was that it was not the same as in 1987," a Fed official said. "The chairman (Greenspan) realised that. Everybody here was quite calm."

So was Europe. "There wasn't a bunker or operations room with central bankers pushing markers over a map table with sticks," a European monetary official said.

"There wasn't much more to it than people saying to each other, 'We're going to get this out and what do you think will happen when

the markets open."

Yet G-7 officials could not be sure of avoiding a meltdown. So they informally agreed to make it known that they would pump money into their markets if needed to ensure no bank or broker faced a credit crunch — just as they did in October 1987.

Greenspan called his fellow central bank governors from the other G-7 countries — Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — to tell them his strategy and then joined Brady at the Treasury on Sunday afternoon.

"Everybody was calm and fairly confident," one participant recalled. But Glauher and Mullins warned that outstanding sell orders would send the Dow Jones industrial average down another 60 to 80 points on Monday before it could stabilise — a prediction that proved accurate.

The meeting lasted a couple of hours. Greenspan, who, in contrast to 1987, had not set up a crisis team, went off for dinner as scheduled with the American Bankers' Association.

The news overnight was mixed. Tokyo stocks fell only 1.8 per cent. Sydney dropped eight per cent and London was down nine per cent at one stage.

Yet the heaviest selling in London was in US shares, suggesting that investors were cashing out with New York's losses but not exiting them. Also, no central banks had found it necessary to pump extra money into

the markets.

Bank of Japan officials said they took no special action as the stock price decline was not too disorderly. In Frankfurt, where prices plunged 12.8 per cent on Monday, the Bundesbank also kept its powder dry.

"There was no reason to intervene," Claus Koehler, a member of the West German central bank's board, said. "We would have done something if there had been a threat to our currency or to our investors even for one minute."

The dollar, meanwhile, had steadied after falling sharply in early Asian trading. The rebound pleased the heads of the G-7 central banks' foreign exchange departments, who had been concerned that a leak of the Fed's readiness to add cash to the money markets could topple the dollar.

When Wall Street opened, the Dow slumped about 60 points in the first hour as accumulated sell orders were executed. The index then steadied and climbed rapidly.

"With each hour, we felt more confident," a Treasury official said.

Indeed, the Fed did not even see a need to pour reserves into the banking system. It added just two billion dollars.

By the end of the day the Dow was up 88.12 points, at 2,657.38, and the worried banner headlines in the weekend press suddenly seemed embarrassingly out of place.

"The crisis atmosphere passed very quickly," a Fed source said.



Pininfarina's prototype sports car Mythos will be presented at the new Tokyo Motor Show. The car is built on Ferrari Testarossa mechanicals.

The twelve cylinder 4942 cc boxer engine, with four valves per cylinder and double overhead cams, producing 390 bhp DIN at 6300 rpm is centrally mounted. The tubular steel frame is derived directly from the Testarossa, and has been reinforced to safeguard the active and passive safety features even though the roof and connected structures have been removed. The bonnets, doors and all the panels of the bodywork are built entirely in carbon fibre. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bombay shares

Stock Exchange	Pr. Close	Open	Close	High	Low
ACC	293	294	303	303	293
Alcan Chem	—	—	—	—	—
Alfa Nib	—	—	—	—	—
Amul	86	86	86	86	86
Ashtokary	207.50	205	210	210	207.50
Asia Paint	48	47.50	49.50	49.50	48
Auto Corp	72	72.50	73.50	73.50	72
Nat Inden	382.24	384	387.50	387.50	382.24
Bajaj Auto	342.50	345	347.50	347.50	342.50
Bar Rayon	712.50	710	757.50	757.50	712.50
Blow Plast	—	—	—	—	—
Bom Dye	125.50	126	126	126	125.50
BK Res	94	95.50	95.50	95.50	94
Burr Wd	100	95	100	100	100
Canshare	—	—	—	—	—
Can Bank	3000	3000	3125	3125	3000
Can Sps	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
Colgate	190	190	193.75	193.75	190
Cromi Gr	—	—	—	—	—
DCM	13	12	13	13	13
Deep Fert	29.75	29	29.25	29.25	29.75
Dunlop	72	74	73	73	72
El Hotel	63	61.50	63	63	63
Escorts	77.50	77	78	78	77.50
ESSE Index	740.48	737	732.32	732.32	740.48
Essex	113.75	112.50	113.75	113.75	113.75
Essex Sps	22	22	22.50	22.50	22
Food Sps	110	110	111.25	111.25	110
Forbes	48.75	47.50	49.50	49.50	48.75
Ganesh	60.50	60.50	60.50	60.50	60.50
Glaxo	100.50	100	101.50	101.50	100.50
GNFC	32.50	32	32.75	32.75	32.50
Graham	106	102.50	107	107	106
GE Sps	43.50	43.75	45	45	43.50
GSFC	177.50	176.25	180	180	177.50
Guj Alk	74	73	74	74	74
Guj Heavy	11	10	11	11	11
Hero Honda	99	98	99	99	99
Hind Cbs	105.50	106.50	110	110	105.50
Hind Cocs	130	130	132.50	132.50	130
Hind Motor	24.25	24.25	24.50	24.50	24.25
Hindale	275	271.50	282.50	282.50	275
Hoechst	1235	1230	1310	1310	1235
Ingersoll	402.50	400	405	405	402.50
ITC	69	68	69	69	69
Ind Ray	51	51	52.50	52.50	51
Ind Rayon	85.50	85	86.50	86.50	85.50
Indrol	241.25	240	245	245	241.25
JK Sps	130	130	136.25	136.25	130
Kin Engg	68	68	68.50	68.50	68
Kin Comm	193	193	193	193	193
KSB Pump	81	81	81	81	81
L & T	91	90	92	92	91
Lipson	136.25	133	138.75	138.75	136.25
Mad Rms	102	102	102	102	102
Mad Rms	100	100	102.50	102.50	100
Mad Rms	16.15	16	16.15	16.15	16.15
Mad Rms	655	655	656.25	656.25	655
Mad Rms	200	200	205	205	200
Mad Rms	315	315	327.50	327.50	315
Mad Rms	137.50	137.50	138	138	137.50
Mad Rms	1165	1165	1160	1160	1165
Mad Rms	47	48	49	49	47
Mad Rms	16.75	16.50	17	17	16.75
Mad Rms	85	83	80	80	85
Mad Rms	22.50	21.50	22.50	22.50	22.50
Mad Rms	71.50	71.50	72.50	72.50	71.50
Mad Rms	171.25	171.25	175	175	171.25
Mad Rms	62	61	62.75	62.75	62
Mad Rms	86.25	85.50	87.50	87.50	86.25
Mad Rms	65	65	66.25	66.25	65
Mad Rms	187.50	187.50	188.75	188.75	187.50
Mad Rms	92.50	92	95	95	92.50
Mad Rms	69	69	71	71	69
Mad Rms	1200	1200	1310	1310	1200
Mad Rms	45.50	45.50	47	47	45.50
Mad Rms	450	450	450	450	450
Mad Rms	65	65	65	65	65
Mad Rms	124	124	123.50	123.50	124
Mad Rms	385	385	390	390	385
Mad Rms	1065	1065	1067.5	1067.5	1065
Mad Rms	123	123	125	125	123
Mad Rms	162	161.25	164	164	162
Mad Rms	22.50	21.25	22.50	22.50	22.50
Mad Rms	890	890	905	905	890
Mad Rms	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50
Mad Rms	51	50	51	51	51
Mad Rms	74	74	75	75	74

Tokyo share prices

Stock	Price	Change
Nikkei 225	3540.48	+84.15
Volume	1.0 million	
Value	141.67	
Advantage Corp	4970	-10
Ajinomoto	2730	-60
Alfa Electric	1830	+10
Amada	2010	+10
Asahi Chem Ind	1230	-30
Asahi Glass	2230	-30
C. Itoh Co.	955	-10
Canon Inc.	1840	-30
Chiyoda Corp	1450	-30
D. N. Printing	2370	0
Daiichi Sanyo	3120	-30
Dainippon Ph	2840	0
Daiichi Corp	1740	0
Fanuc Ltd.	7600	+160
Fuji Photo	4700	-130
Fujitsu Ltd.	1510	0
Hisachi Credit	1450	+10
Hisachi Koki	2110	+30
Hisachi Ltd.	1480	0
Hisachi Metal	1660	+40
Honda Motor	1870	-10
Hitachi Ltd.	4580	-80
Kajima Corp	2300	140
Kawasaki H I	988	+10
Kobe Cast Iron	1090	-10
Komatsu Ltd.	1460	-90
Konatsu Ltd.	1230	-10
Kyocera Corp	5340	-40
Mitsubishi	3390	40
Mat Comen. Ind	2330	-40
Mat Electric	2330	0
Mitsubishi C	1020	0
Mitsubishi Corp	1590	+10
Mitsubishi Metal	2570	+10
Mitsubishi H I	1040	0
Mitsubishi R E	3110	+230
Mitsubishi S	1850	0
Mitsubishi T	4290	-150
Mitsubishi U	480	0
NCC Corp	1760	-10
Nippon Chem	1440	30
Nippon Shu Co	1750	-10
Nippon Steel Corp	711	-9
Nippon Steel Ind	2460	-20
Nippon Steel Corp	1440	-10
Nippon Steel Corp	3190	+30
Okuma Mach	1670	+10
Okuma Mach	2400	0
Okuma Mach	6130	-280
Pioneer Elec Co.	5810	-90
Remon Look	2620	-20
Sanyo Elec Co.	866	-14
Sanyo Elec Co.	8590	-60
Sanyo Elec Co.	1740	20
Shindengen Elec	1360	-50
Sony Corp	8550	-50
Sumitomo Elec	1560	-10
Sunbeam Metal	890	-15
Takafu Chemical	2680	-40
TDK Corp	5890	-70
Tokai Marise	2190	+100
Toppan Printing	2180	-40
Toshiba Corp	949	-9
Toshiba Corp	1180	10
Toyota Motor	2680	-40
Yamaha Motor	1260	0

International accounting to be reviewed

WITHIN the context of the Taba Abu-Ghazaleh (TAG) forum on international accounting a round table conference is due to be convened today, at the School of Business at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. to discuss several subjects relating to international accounting.

This round table conference is organized by the Centre of International Business and Trade and the Center for Business-Government Relations at Georgetown University who are concerned with the development of contacts and business relations and the development of managerial policies and concepts and business ethics.

The conference will discuss a number of papers on international accounting prepared by prominent academic, scientific and professional personalities among them, Robert Kleckner, chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and other professors from the Universities of Illinois, Colombia, Georgetown and San Diego. In these discussions ASCA will be represented by its chairman, Taba Abu-Ghazaleh.

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Aluminium expansion to be favoured by share issue

BAHRAIN, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Bahrain will fund expansion of the government-owned Bahrain Aluminium Extrusion Company (Balexco) by selling shares to Bahraini, Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian industrialists, industry sources said today.

Rashed Al Dhabib, director of industrial protection and registration, said the government would cover most of the cost of the planned 47 million dinar (\$12.5 million) expansion by a private share placement.

Balexco would sell 1.83 million new shares to major industrialists in the three countries by the end of the year, the sources said.

Rashed Al Dhabib declined to give the value of the new shares but said the issue would cover most of the development cost needed to double production to 12,000 tonnes annually.

Balexco makes doors, window frames and cladding from aluminium ingots produced in Bahrain.

The company has a paid-in capital of 6.34 million dinars (\$17 million) from 3.17 million shares at present but the government is considering a public flotation of some Balexco shares as part of its drive to privatise its industries.

UAE, Paris to expand trade ties

ABU DHABI, Oct. 25, (Kuna): The United Arab Emirates and France have agreed to boost co-operation in the trade, economic and technical fields, a UAE official said today.

The two sides also expressed satisfaction over the growing trade between them, said Mohammed Khalifa Al Yousof, who headed the UAE delegation to the 10th meeting of the joint UAE-French committee in Paris on October 16.

Yousuf, head of the economic relations and international co-operation department at the Foreign Ministry, said trade between the UAE and France reached more than three billion francs during the first half of 1989 compared with nearly 1.3 billion francs during 1987.

Khalifa said the French side affirmed its keenness to increase trade with Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states and has set up a body called the Peninsula Club.

He said the French also welcomed a planned visit to Paris by a delegation from the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

They also renewed an invitation to the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry to visit France in 1990, he said.

He said the two sides agreed on French participation in fairs in the UAE, where a French food company will participate for the first time in next month's Dubai food fair.

The French side presented a list of projects in the UAE in which it sought to participate, especially desalination plants and the expansion of Umm Al Nar and Ruwais refineries.

Egyptian team meets chamber chief

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From a border province to a major power

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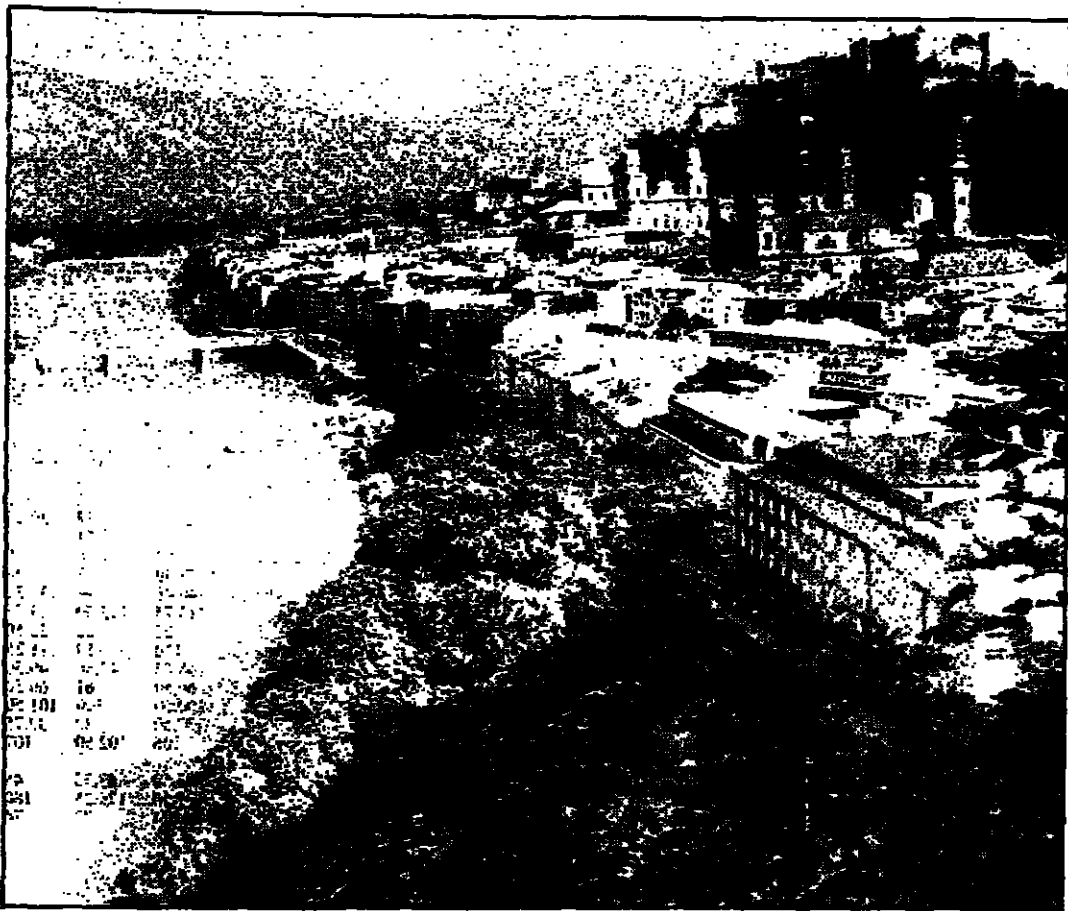
THE Austrian of today tends to take a very sober view of his country's history. He stands with his feet planted firmly in the 20th century and refuses to mourn a long lost empire. The story of the multinational Austro-Hungarian empire and the ruling house of Habsburg, whose influence spread far beyond the monarchy itself, is not regarded as a reason to cultivate national traditions.

On the contrary, they are seen as a step on the way towards a truly international outlook. The close proximity in the past of so many different nationalities within a single state has left its mark in the personal background of many Austrians.

But informing the course of history there are stronger forces at work than the mentality of a single nation. As a state at the heart of Europe, Austria has had its full share of all that history has brought to the continent, including the suffering. Its story is as varied as that of the continent as a whole. A Roman province, a border area in the south-east of the Holy Roman Empire, it gradually became a buffer power, sudden collapse after the First World War, the struggle for survival as a republic, ending when German troops marched in, and finally the restoration of the republic after the second world war.

Three cultures
Austrian history has been determined primarily by the country's geographical position, which is at the meeting point of three cultures — Roman, Germanic and Slav. During the Roman era, the Alpine and Danube regions underwent rapid economic and cultural development. Around 300 AD, Christianity began to spread through the area.

About a hundred years later, these regions were overrun by Germanic tribes, and during the era of mass migration, the territory covered by the Austria of today was subject to repeated devastation as Teutonic supremacy gave way to that of the Huns, the Avars, the Slavs and then the Magyars.



Salzburg: view of the historic city centre dominated by the fortress Hohensalzburg.

Between 500 and 700 AD, the region was taken over by the Bavarian tribes, who eventually succeeded in establishing themselves firmly.

Towards the end of the 9th century, the region was incorporated into the empire of the Carolingians. In 1054, the region was established as a Markgrafschaft, or border province, to defend his empire in the east. This was taken by the Magyars in 880 AD but regained after Otto the Great defeated the invaders at the Battle of Lechfeld in 955 AD.

The Babenbergs

For almost the thousand years following this, the course of the Austrian history was determined by two dynasties, the Babenbergs, who ruled for 70 years, and the Habsburgs, who held power for the next 640. In 976 AD, Leopold von Babenberg was made Mar-

grave of Austria and his successors gradually moved their capital further eastwards until in the 12th century Heinrich II built his Hofburg, the imperial palace, in Vienna. Along with Styria, Austria, which comprised the present provinces of Lower Austria, was proclaimed the hereditary duchy within the Holy Roman Empire.

Under Babenberg rule Austria experienced a long period of peaceful development. Gold, silver and salt were mined; religious orders established their monasteries further and further towards the east and these soon became centres of cultural life.

The year 996 AD brought the first documentary mention of Ostarrichi, the name under which the region was already known to its inhabitants and

which gave away to the present German name for Austria, Österreich.

The last of the Babenbergs, Friedrich the Quarrelsome, was killed in a battle against the Magyars in 1246, after which Austria went to King Přemysl Ottokar II of Bohemia and Styria to King Bela of Hungary. Later however Styria was taken over by monasteries and churches, especially in Vienna and Salzburg.

The Habsburgs

The year 1273 brought the end of the interregnum in the Holy Roman Empire with the appointment by the Electors of Count Rudolf von Habsburg as King of the Germans. Ottokar of Bohemia was called on to deliver an oath of allegiance in return for his rights in Austria, Styria,

Carinthia and Carniola, but he refused; a compromise was reached but lasted only a short time and eventually the two sides resorted to arms. In 1278, Rudolf emerged victorious from the Battle of Marchfeld, in which Ottokar was killed, and the rise of the House of Habsburg began. During the 640 years of rule by the "Casa d'Austria" or the House of Austria, there were 20 emperors and kings. The Habsburgs ruled over the Holy Roman Empire in almost unbroken succession until its abolition in 1806. There was a time, at the height of the Habsburg influence, when the sun never set on their empire; the accession in the 16th century of Karl V, from the family's Spanish line, had meant the acquisition of territories in the new world in addition to those in Europe.

This process of political consolidation brought with it considerable cultural progress. The University of Vienna, today the oldest in the German-speaking world, was established in 1365 during the reign of Rudolf IV, known as the Founder. Towards the end of the 15th century, especially during the reign of Maximilian I, the new spirit of humanism began to spread through Austria.

Maria Theresa's state reforms

After the end of the Habsburgs' Spanish line in 1700 and the ensuing War of the Spanish Succession, the Austrian line

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A social market economy

Basis and Structure

AUSTRIA has a free economy, more precisely a social market economy. Supply and demand act as the principal regulating elements but there is also the possibility, within certain limits, of influencing the free play of forces within the market by means of intervention, generally in favour of the economically underprivileged. The two main means of doing this are with the co-operation of the so-called social partners — the two sides of industry — or by market organisation measures. The first method involves referring economic problems, specially those concerning wages and prices, to the social partners, where they are subjected to open negotiation by representatives of labour and employers. Market organisation measures provide mainly for a system of price maintenance, specially in the agricultural sector. Special price regulation legislation also provides for price controls in the cases of a limited number of commodities and services.

In principle the Austrian economy is organised on a private basis, which is to say that capital goods are the property of the producers or the controlling business circles. Exceptions are provided by such public services as the post, the railways or the forestry commission as well as by enterprises run by local or provincial governments. A part of Austrian public property is accounted for by the nationalised industries, which were transferred to federal or provincial public ownership by special nationalisation legislation, especially sections of primary industry, electric power production and a number of leading banks. The state enterprises are organised as private corporations but their owner is either the

state or one of the federal provinces. Austria's nationalised industrial concerns are under the control of a holding company, the Österreichische Industrie-Holding Aktiengesellschaft (OIHAG), which is in the sole possession of the state.

In terms of production Austria is a highly developed industrial country with a rapidly growing services sector. This is not however to say that agriculture and forestry are neglected; on the contrary these too have been developed into a highly productive, rationalised sector of the economy.

National Product

Analysis of the real gross domestic product according to individual sectors between the years 1970 and 1985 clearly shows the expansion in the tertiary sector, accounted for principally by services.

In 1985 the Austrian gross domestic product was a nominal as 1,371,000 million at current prices, i.e. as 181,420 per head of the population or as 428,980 per head of the population gainfully employed (the average exchange rate for 1985): 1 US dollar = as 20.69.

Wages and Prices

In 1985 the index of Austria's contractual wages rose by 5.4 per cent against the previous year. Broken down by sectors: The wages and salaries of employees in the commercial sector by 4.9 per cent, of employees in the trade sector by 5.6 per cent and of civil servants by 5.3 per cent. The consumer price index rose by 3.2 per cent between 1984 and 1985.

Employment

In 1985 2,759,700 employed persons were registered in Austria. A comparison of this total

with the number of those seeking employment (1985 mean: 139,400) shows that Austria enjoys a high rate of employment. The average unemployment rate for 1985 stood at 4.8 per cent. Broken down by major sectors and categories, the following distribution of employment emerged from the 1985 microcensus:

Agriculture and forestry 6.7 per cent.
Industry and processing trades 21.5 per cent.
Services 35.2 per cent.
Pensions and old-age pensions 13.8 per cent.
Unspecified groups 2.4 per cent.
In 1985 the average number of foreign workers employed in Austria was 140,200.

Private Consumption

Private consumption for 1985 can be divided into the following main categories:

Foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco 24.6 per cent.
Clothing and footwear 11.2 per cent.
Accommodation, heating and lighting 19.9 per cent.
Health and toilet articles 6.3 per cent.
Education, entertainment and recreation 12.2 per cent.
Housekeeping, household equipment, furnishings 7.9 per cent.

The per capita consumption of principal foodstuffs in 1984/85 was: Flour and cereals 67.3 kg, meat 86.5 kg, milk 128.7 kg, fats/oil 30.4 kg, potatoes 61.6 kg, vegetables 67.8 kg, fresh fruit 68.9 kg, citrus fruits 16.5 kg, sugar and sugar products 36.4 kg. The average daily joule intake per head was 12,703 (3,036 calories). On December 31st 1985 there were 3,801,513 motor vehicles registered in Austria, of which private cars accounted for 2,530,800.

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THESE days, questions of cost effectiveness are more important in the building industry than ever before. The price/cost situation is such that all available rationalisation measures must be exploited to the fullest. In the concrete construction sector, formwork plays a key role in this connection — not only from the point of view of investment costs, but also, more importantly, in the effect that it has on total construction costs.

Simplification
If the formwork aspect of the construction process is to be organised as economically as possible, a versatile and adaptable type of formwork needs to be used, which is quick to erect and to shift around. Therefore, naturally enough, great importance must be attached to the quality and hence the durability of the formwork system.

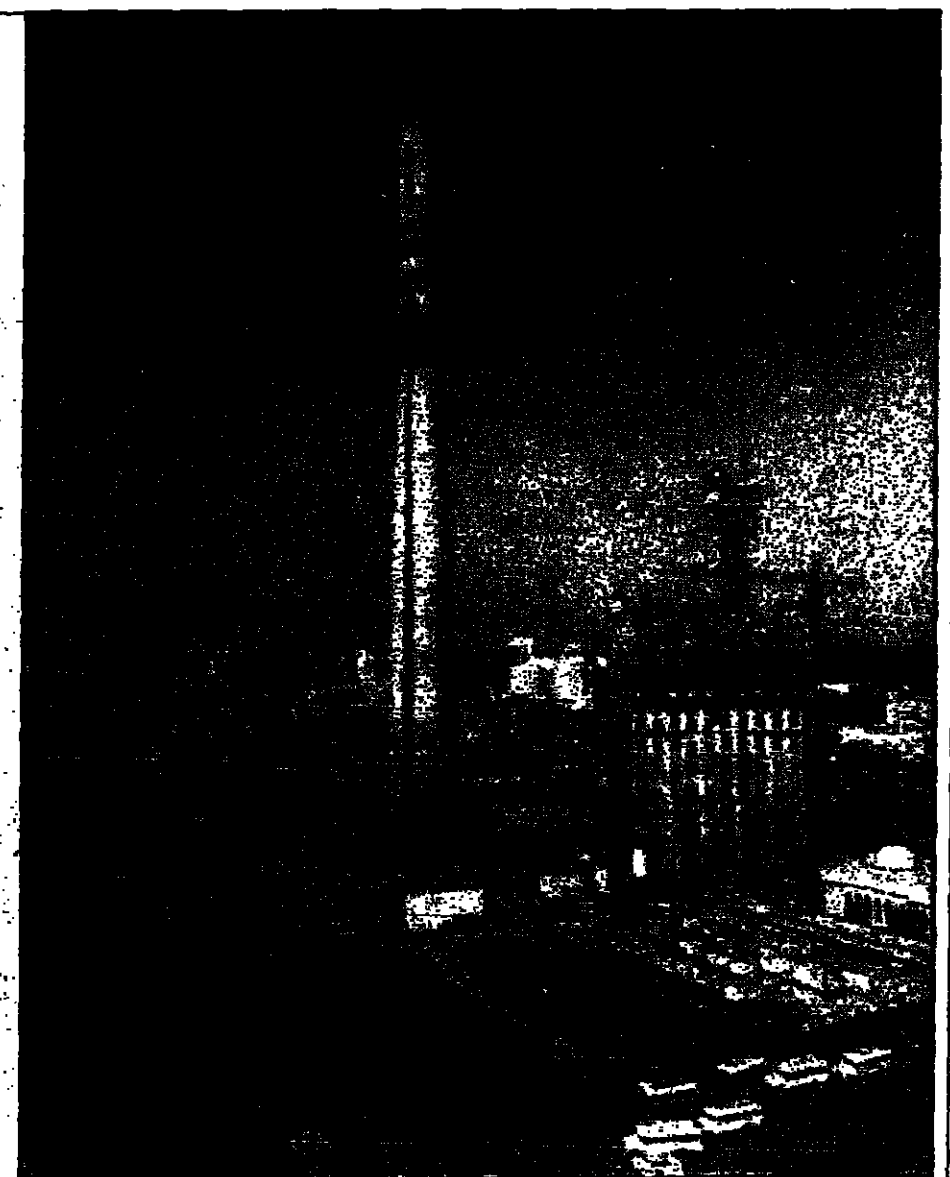
In order to keep the costs for site installations as low as possible, a system which can be erected and shifted manually will also be required in many cases.

Doka formwork systems meet every single one of these requirements. Indeed, it is when the conditions are at the most difficult that the versatility of the Doka formwork systems really comes into its own, bringing about a significant simplification and rationalisation of the construction process.

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Doka is active all over the globe, having built up a worldwide sales network and service organisation. In 1988 Doka had a consolidated turnover of DM225 million. Doka has branches in Kuwait, Riyadh and Jeddah, with planning offices and comprehensive supply depots.

TOWER POWER



Doka is currently planning and supervising in co-ordination with joint venture ICG/SOGEA, the formwork for the public head of telecommunication tower in Kuwait City.

Two of the most significant Middle East projects currently being built with Doka formwork are the JIP Administration Tower in Jeddah (Jeddah Islamic Port Complex) and the Riyadh-Ma'athar Bridge. In Kuwait a number of large-scale housing projects are being realised using

Doka formwork. On the latest housing project at Al Qurain, Doka supplies material for 15 contractors to their full satisfaction.

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The basis of Doka's success is prompt customer advice from experienced engineers, the capability to deliver rapidly directly from stock, and a superb standard of on-site service.

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succeeded in keeping the Spanish possessions in Italy and the Netherlands. There were wars to be fought elsewhere in Europe, however, in particular against Prussia, which at this time was expanding under Frederick the Great.

In the mean time the male line of the Habsburgs had died out and the task of leading Austria through these trying times fell to a woman, Empress Maria Theresa ruled from 1740 to 1780 and must count as one of the outstanding women of world history. She married Franz Stephan of Lorraine in 1736, thus founding the house of Habsburg Lorraine. Despite the destruction of wars with Prussia Maria Theresa pressed ahead with a programme of major reforms at home.

A feudal agglomeration of state was transformed into a single, centrally administered unit; the financial system was brought up to date and industry and trade were promoted, in keeping with the new spirit of mercantilism.

The legal system was separated from the administration, while torture and other severe punishments were abolished. There were also sweeping



One of the many castles found in Austria.

reforms in the field of education. Elementary schooling was introduced while the universities were removed from ecclesiastical control and made state institutions.

Maria Theresa's reforms were moderate, shrewdly calculated and therefore durable. The empress's work was continued in the same spirit of enlightenment by her son, Joseph II. He met with less success because of his more radical approach, but among his most significant and

most lasting changes were the abolition of serfdom and the introduction of complete freedom of religion.

Among the major cultural developments of this period was the advent of the great age of Austrian classical music with such composers as Gluck, Haydn and Mozart.

The new Europe

At the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries, the principal aim of Austrian policy was to counter Napoleon's expansionism. Since a number of German princes had allied themselves with Napoleon and the empire had long since ceased to be a political reality, Franz II adopted the title of hereditary emperor of Austria in 1804. Two years later, after the establishment of the Confederation of the Rhine, he renounced the crown of the Holy Roman Empire, which thus came to an end. In 1809, an Austrian army, led by Archduke Karl, succeeded in defeating Napoleon for the first time at the Battle of Aspern, but this was soon followed by an Austrian defeat at Wagram and Napoleon was able to dictate the terms of the peace of Schonbrunn at Maria Theresa's former residence.

1814 saw the start of the Congress of Vienna, presided over by the Austrian state chancellor Prince Klemens Metternich. Attended by most of Europe's crowned heads and leading diplomats, the meeting paved the way for a relatively long period of peace and introduced a completely new European order.

During the first half of the 19th century, there was immense industrial progress in Austria and a corresponding increase in technical and economic development. The Vienna Polytechnic was founded in 1815 and the Austrian National Bank later. 1837 saw the opening of the first railway in Austria and this was followed seventeen years later by the world's first mountain railway over the Semmering Pass to the south-west of Vienna.

Austria did not escape the wave of middle-class revolution in 1848 and the original issues were complicated by the empire's multinational structure.

Metternich's police-based system of order at home collapsed and he was forced to flee to London. The Hungarians sought independence from the Habsburgs and Emperor Ferdinand was persuaded to abdicate in favour of his 18 year old nephew Franz Joseph. Franz Joseph died

Austria: rich in history



Austrians picking grapes at a vineyard.

68 years later in November 1916, in the middle of the First World War when there were already signs of the ultimate collapse of the monarchy.

One of the principal results of the 1848 revolution had been the drawing up of an Austrian constitution, but this still had distinctly absolutist elements. In 1866, Austria was defeated by Prussia at the Battle of Sadova east of Prague. One of the main effects of this at home was the establishment in 1867 of the Austro-Hungarian dual monarchy, with separate parliaments. Political developments in the Austrian part of the monarchy led from the granting of basic civil rights to selective suffrage and ultimately to universal suffrage in 1907.

The Republic

On June 28, 1914, the heir to the Austrian throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, was assassinated in Sarajevo by Serbians.

This was the immediate cause of the World War One, which was to end with the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. Emperor Franz Joseph's successor, Karl, issued a statement on November 11, 1918, in which he renounced all part in conducting the business of the state and a day later the provisional national assembly declared the Republic of Austria. The treaties of Saint Germain and Trianon (with Hungary) led to the establishment of the successor states: Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia; the Kingdom of Serbia made considerable territorial gains and later became the Kingdom of Yugoslavia; Romania and Poland were also granted large areas which had previously been

parts of the dual monarchy. The collapse of the empire also meant the breakdown of a major economic bloc.

The new Republic of Austria found itself confronted with virtually insurmountable problems. For the time being the new boundaries with Hungary, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia remained closed. Customs tariffs complicated the import of Austrian industrial products.

The establishment of authoritarian regimes in Italy and Germany did not help the economic and political consolidation of the new republic, which was still far from steady on its feet. There were serious political disagreements between the Social Democrats and the middle-class bloc, consisting of the Christian Socialists and other right wing groups.

Paramilitary organisations emerged - the Schutzbund and the Heimwehr. On March 4th 1933, the Nationalrat, the lower house of Austrian parliament, stripped itself of all power, which was now taken over by Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss with all the swiftness of a coup d'état. Dollfuss proceeded to rule by decree on the strength of a war economy enabling act passed in 1917.

This marked the end of democracy in Austria. On February 12th 1934, civil war broke out. The Social Democratic Party was broken up, summary courts passed death sentences and many people were imprisoned. Dollfuss established Austria as an authoritarian corporative state.

But the same time there was increased activity on the part of the National Socialists, who were given active support by the Hitler regime in Germany and on July 25th 1934, Dollfuss was murdered in the course of an abortive National Socialist coup. His successor, Kurt Schuschnigg, sought to maintain Austrian independence, still on the basis of an authoritarian corporative state.

There was a meeting on February 12th 1938 between Schuschnigg and Hitler at the residence on the Obersalzberg in Bavaria, dramatic but fruitless as far as Austria was concerned. As the realisation dawned in Austria just how nearly hopeless the situation had become, there were repeated attempts by the regime to reach an agreement with the illegal organisation of the Social Democrats in the hope of establishing a common front against the threat from outside.

Schuschnigg announced a plebiscite for the 13th March 1938 in which the people were to decide whether they wanted an independent Austria, but on the 12th March, German troops crossed the border. By the 13th, the Anschluss was complete in every way and occupied Austria was incorporated into the German Reich. Eighteen months later the second world war began. Any resistance to the political and military dictatorship of Nazi Germany seemed doomed to failure, but resistance movements did emerge and they were to be particularly active towards the end of the war.

Restoration

The liberation of Austria began in the last days of March 1945, with Soviet troops entering the country from the east and American and British forces approaching from the west. Much of Vienna was in flames and there was hunger and chaos throughout the country. A provisional government under Karl Renner was formed as early as April 27, while fighting continued in some parts of Austria. Renner was the man who had led the Austrian delegation to the peace negotiations following the First World War and as chancellor he had played a major role in the setting up of the first republic.

The foundations of the second republic were laid in 1945 under completely new circumstances. The provisional government was confirmed in September by a conference attended by delegates from all the federal provinces. Representatives of the western and southern provinces were admitted to the government, whose authority was now extended to cover the whole of the country.

Austria's democratic constitution had been in force again since May 1, 1945.

The first elections

In October 1945, the four occupying powers - Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States - recognised the provisional government on condition that general elections were to be held the same year. The first election to the national assembly was held, free of all outside influence, on November 25,



Dorotheum, public auction house.

1945.

The Austrian People's Party (ÖVP & Christian Democrats) led the poll with a total of 85 of the 165 seats. They were followed closely by the Austrian Socialist Party (SPO - Social Democrats), who took 76 seats.



A country-side cafe.

while the Austrian Communist Party (PKO) won four. Parliament, consisting of the Nationalrat, or lower house, and the Bundesrat, the upper house, unanimously elected Karl Renner President of the Republic.

A sovereign state again

For ten years the Austrian government did everything within its power to bring about the signing of an agreement restoring the country's complete sovereignty. The foreign mini-

sters of the four powers, or their representatives, met more than 300 times to discuss the form of a state treaty, but they failed constantly to reach agreement.

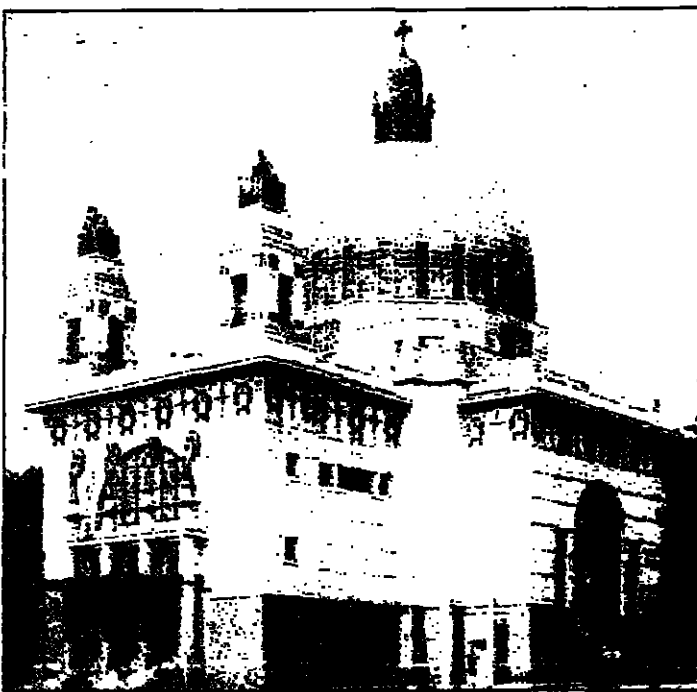
Eugene first acquired prominence with his services to Austria during the Turkish campaign and continued to play a major military and also a diplomatic role.

This was the Baroque and the specific note with which the style was invested by Austrian architects is to be seen in any number of magnificent castles, monasteries and churches, especially in Vienna and Salzburg.

The final text of the agreement was drawn up and on Sunday, May 15, 1955, the State Treaty of Vienna was signed at a ceremony in Vienna's Belvedere Palace. Gathered in the park below were thousands of Austrians who greeted the leading members of the Austrian government and the foreign ministers of the four powers with enthusiasm.

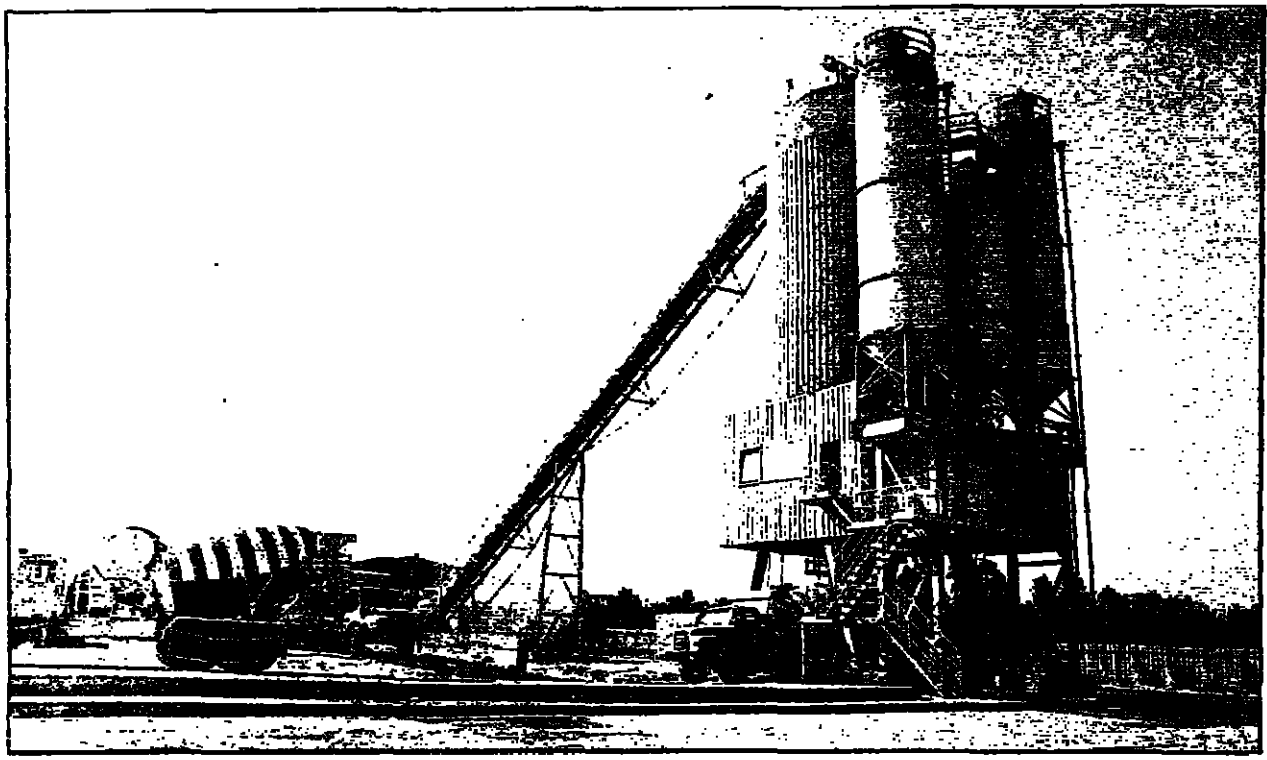
Documents of ratification were exchanged and the State Treaty of Vienna came into effect on July 27, 1955. Well before the ninety-day deadline stipulated in the treaty, the last foreign soldier had left Austrian soil and the country was free once again.

On October 26, 1955, the Nationalrat passed the Federal Constitutional Law on the Neutrality of Austria; since 1965 October 26, has been celebrated as Austrian National Day.



Fritz Wortuba's church.

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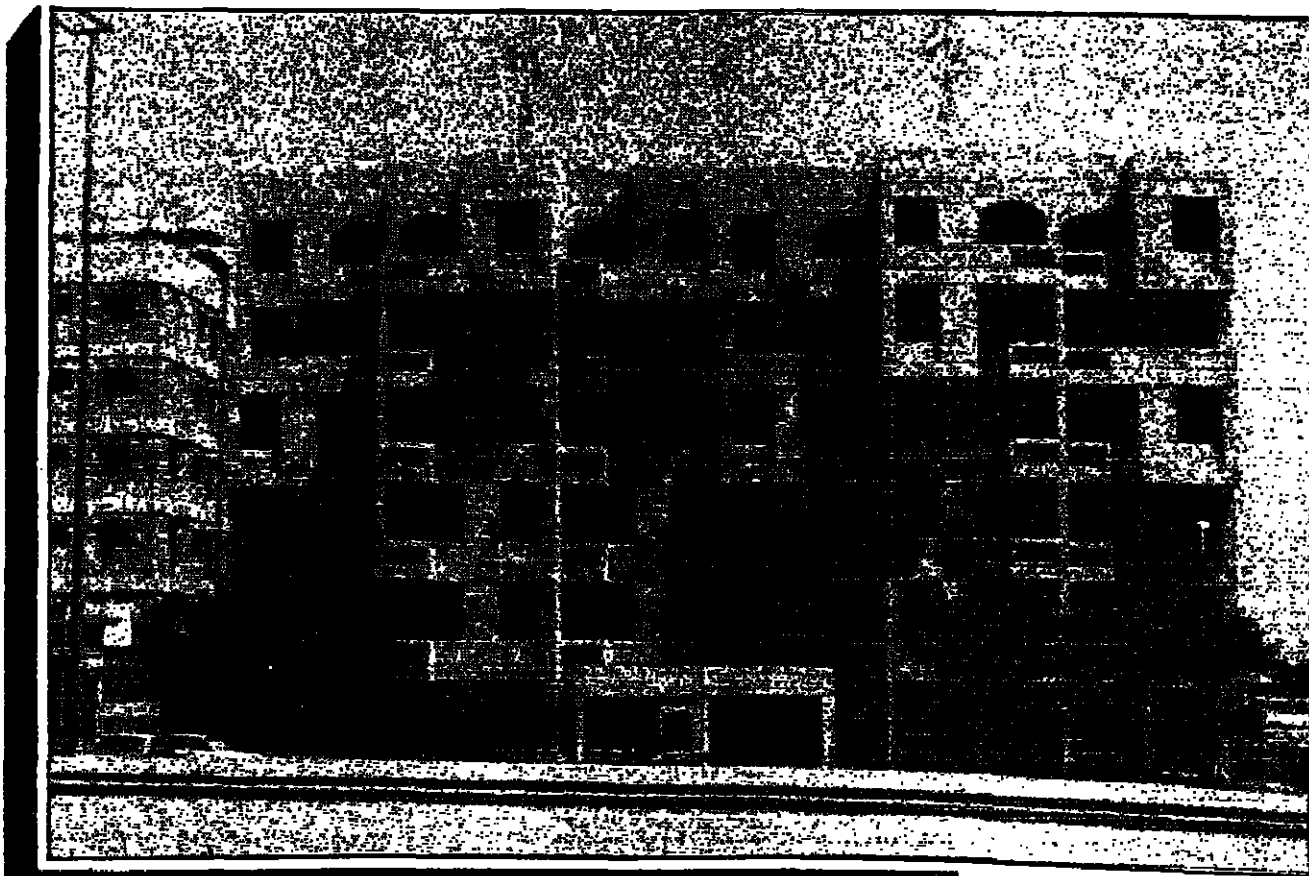
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The experience gained on this way and the transfer of this know-how accompanied with the sense of responsibility peculiar to Austrian managers and engineers has been the fundamental idea behind the foundation and start of the Kuwaiti Austrian Company for Readymix Concrete.



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Vienna: a city of diversity!

VIENNA — the city of the waltz, long capital of a great empire, nostalgic and romantic dreams come true for millions of visitors. Vienna — capital of modern Austria, one of three centres of the United Nations, a leading host city in the world for important meetings and conferences.

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In Vienna, you can trace a rich aristocratic past or explore pubs revived in a fresh, new style. You can find the easygoing and jovial or the critical and complaining side of the Viennese. Or you can pick the most brilliant and most alluring facets of an amazing cultural variety or simply savour life with *Schlag* in the pastry shops, boutiques, wine taverns and antique shops of a city dedicated to refined pleasures.

The Art of Vienna, the Art of the World in Vienna.

The Habsburg emperors would much rather arrange dynastic marriages, compose music or collect art than make war, and Vienna's museums give ample proof. The crown of the Holy Roman Empire is the centerpiece of the world's most venerable treasury. The Museum of Fine Arts and the Albertina Collection of Graphic Arts have the most comprehensive collections of the Old Masters.

Art Nouveau paintings by Klimt and Schiele can be found at Belvedere Palace, the works of the Vienna School of Fantastic Realism and international contemporary art at the Museum of Modern Art. There are unusual museums, such as the little Clock Museum, Sigmund Freud's House, the wing of the Austrian Navy at the Museum of Military History, the history of design at the Museum of Applied Arts, all of them well worth a few hours of your time.

A Universal Idiom

There are cities larger and more populous than Vienna, there are cities more important in the politics and business deals of our age. But in one area, Vienna is the capital of the world: music! No other city in the world has been home to so many famous composers: Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert,



Above: Austrians in traditional costumes.
Below: White water rafting in Austria.



Brahms, Bruckner, Mahler and Johann Strauss are just the most celebrated among them. In Vienna, Lehar and his contemporaries created the sparkling genre of the operetta. In Vienna, Schonberg went far beyond traditional structures in his twelve-tone creations.

In Vienna, there is always a wide choice of performances to attend, of music to hear: from the State Opera and the Philharmonic to operetta and musical from waltzes and the songs of the wine gardens to jazz and great pop.

And Viennese folk songs are a part of the mood and atmosphere.

From Coffee to Wine

The coffeehouses of Vienna have the reputation, all over the world, of being oases of good living at a conspicuously

leisurely pace. Pastry shops are temples of the cult dedicated to the most sophisticated blends of sweet flavours and aromas where the initiated and novices alike throw all thoughts of calories to the winds. Viennese cooking has taken ideas, ingredients and procedures from every corner of the old empire and adjusted, adapted them into a unique, unmistakable new entity.

The Viennese like to eat well, and they take pride in giving guests every opportunity of doing likewise. There is a dazzling range of eateries, from stand-up snack bars and simple but cozy local pubs known as *Beisl* to ethnic specialty restaurants and luxurious gourmet restaurants famous for their nouvelle cuisine treatment of traditional Austrian dishes. Good drink comes with good

food. Water fresh and pure, beer is tasty and strong, but it is wine that is most closely associated with Vienna. Great vintages are bottled and aged, the young, fresh wine is served at the Heurigen taverns on the outskirts where locals and guests meet and have a wonderful time. Prost!

Vienna After Dark

Even if you are not an inveterate night owl, you will find no end of excuses for staying up late and having a wonderful time during your stay in Vienna. After that fantastic concert or that memorable opera performance, who wants to go to bed right away? An occasion like that calls for a special dinner, and then maybe some wine at a down-town cellar or a few drinks

at a bar. You may want to crown an evening with a visit to the casino. Bars, nightclubs and cafes are full of people who want to talk to you. If you like discos, you find good, lively ones with ease.

All through Carnival in January and February, you can wait the night away at palaces and ballrooms, joining the revelry of the season in Vienna's traditional elegance.

Country In The City

With all the music, theatre, art, shopping, dining and entertainment, a visit to Vienna can become heavily indoors-oriented, no matter how much sight-seeing (some of which takes you inside again) you may do. If you prefer to balance indoor and outdoor living, you will cherish all



Dining Viennese style

the parks and gardens in and around the city where you can jog, walk, dream, put your experiences in perspective. With the city so broken up by greenery, the asphalt jungle feeling never surfaces. Prater is part park, part riparian woods. On its city side is the amusement park with the Giant Ferris Wheel and many more modern rides, its core holds a stadium, fair-grounds, pools, race tracks, bridge paths, ponds.

The Vienna Woods are a crescent of hills, several hundred square miles of forest cupping the city from north through west to south. The banks of the Danube, the islands in the river and the old branch watercourses give the city another wide swath of green and lots of sports, summer and winter.

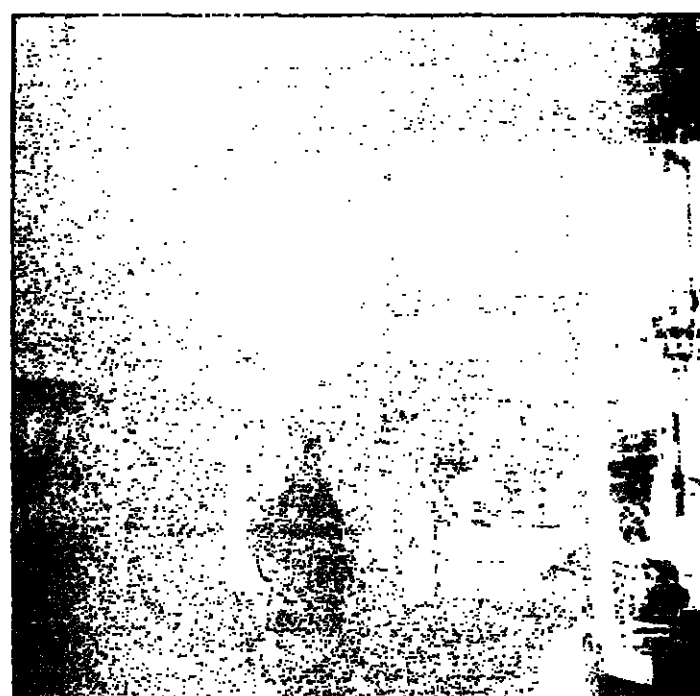
Let The Curtain Rise

True to the city's pervasive Baroque tradition, everything in Vienna is, at least to some extent, theatrical. Simple everyday life has its show elements. It is a small surprise, then, that there are so many theatres in this city, offering so many good productions.

On some stages, the word is in a subordinate position, music reigns. The classical opera performances of the State Opera are in this category, as are the operettas at the Volksoper and the

musicals at the local Theatre an der Wien. A stage such as the Serapionstheater is dedicated to wordless mime. The National Theatre with its grand productions, four or five traditional theatres and avant-garde stages

offer those who are fluent in German outstanding entertainment. If you are not among them, enjoy the fine stagings of Vienna's English Theatre or the numerous shows in English at the International Theatre.



Augarten china, and Austrian crystal on display.

Austria open to visitors

Easy to get to know, delightful to see

AUSTRIA delivers more travel fun and more travel value than you would expect. It is a small country, compact, easy to get to know, delightful to see. There is spectacular scenery around every corner: vineyards, ancient castles and venerable abbeys overlooking the Danube, wooded hills rising out of lush farmland, lakes dotted with sailboats and ringed by soaring mountains, Alpine peaks and their icy world of glaciers reaching for the sky.

The towns are as varied as the countryside around them: Historic cities where architectural masterpieces from three or four centuries face one another across narrow lanes or sweeping squares, market towns that have barely changed since the middle ages, mountain villages with neat little houses and flowers overflowing from wooden balconies.

You encounter history with every step. Austria has more castles and palaces open to visitors than any comparable area in Europe. Great museums and tiny country churches harbour the most significant art treasures from many periods and styles. Guides will point out to you the places where the Romans, Charlemagne, Emperor Maximilian, the Turks, the Swedes in the Thirty Years' War, Empress Maria Theresa, Napoleon, Emperor Franz Josef or General Patton did this or that.

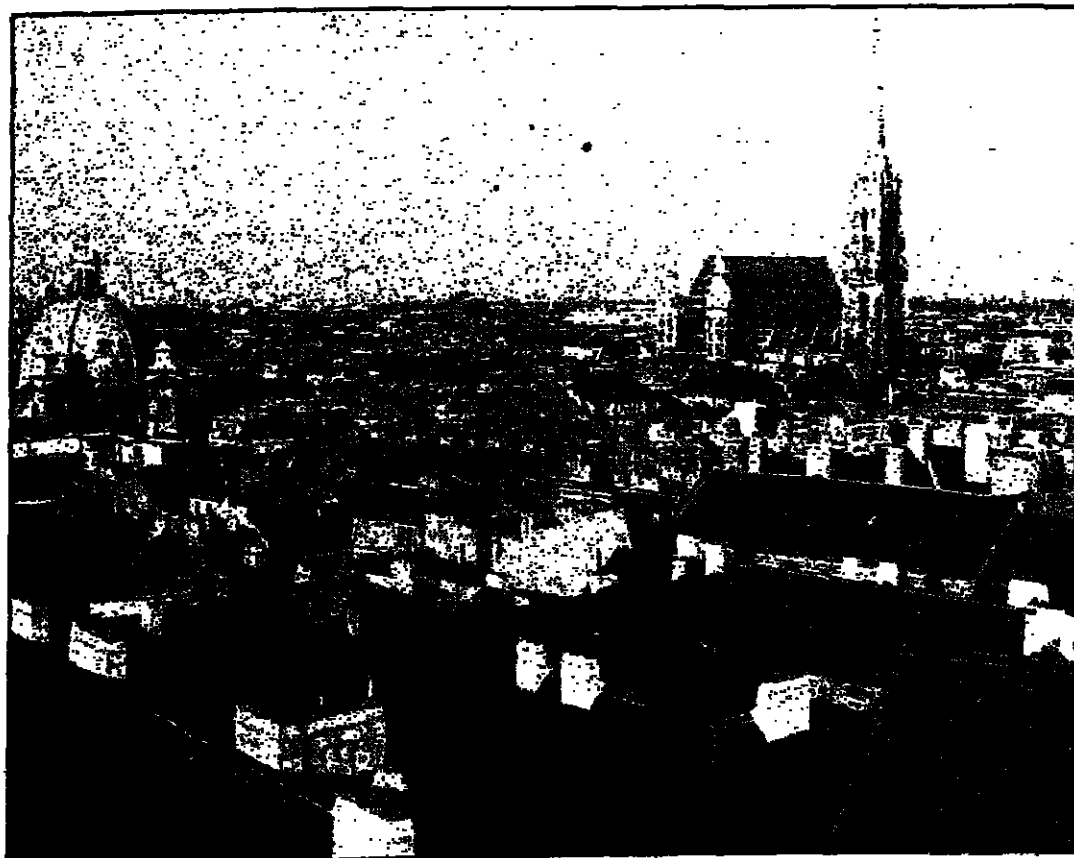
Cultural activity in Austria never ceases. The regular events are spectacular enough: opera, concerts and theatre, the performances of the Spanish Riding School, Sunday Mass sung by the Vienna Boys' Choir in Vienna, the opera and concert season in other Austrian cities, Palace Concerts and the Marionette

Theatre in Salzburg. The special events are renowned world-wide: The operetta festival in early February in Vienna, the Vienna Festival (late May — late June), the Bregenz Festival (mid July — late August), the Salzburg Festival (late July through August). And there are summer operetta festivals at Baden, Bad Ischl and Mörbisch, summer Music Weeks in Vienna, Palace Concerts in Innsbruck during July and

August.

Thinking of an active sports holiday? Austria has it — swimming, sailing, water skiing, snow skiing year-round; horseback riding, tennis, golf; mountain climbing, white water canoeing, glider flying; hunting and fishing, skeet shooting and archery. Hundreds of miles of hiking paths, fitness trails all over. And saunas and massage to loosen up after a vigorous day.

Enjoy life the leisurely way: at pastry shops, in coffee houses, in beer gardens, in wine taverns. Savour the superb Austrian food which makes every meal a pleasure in itself. And relax with the friendly Austrians who generously like foreign visitors. Shop for outstanding handcrafted items or native dresses, jackets and hats. Contact us again for help in planning your trip and specific information!



An overall view of Vienna

KIH promoting friendly ties

AUSTRIA is known to this part of the world since many years and there is a busy tourist and trade traffic in the region. To strengthen this friendly relationship the Kuwait International Hotel has been trying to play its role through the hospitality industry.

To start with, the hotel has been involved in sponsoring cul-

tural events of high standing. The world famous Vienna Boys' Choir is an event of the recent past. On this visit they had 3 performances for a total audience of almost 2,500 people. This is now being followed by the well known Austrian group — The Graz String Trio who are leading players of the Graz Philharmonic Orchestra. They will

play highly interesting compositions ranging from Baroque and Classical to contemporary work. To take the treat a little further the hotel has an on-going Austrian Pastry Promotion until 16th November at La Patisserie. This promotion is the work of Christoph Brandl who has a master's Degree in confectionary from Vienna. Brandl has already

had a cooking demonstration for the ladies of the International Women's Association and the German Club and look forward to many more of these gatherings. He certainly does not mind sharing his culinary secrets but at the same time incites people to sample his local Viennese creations. Without taking a plane to Austria.

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JUNIOR TIMES



Samer Talal celebrates her 8th birthday on October 29. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Samer goes to the Amal Private School and likes drawing.



Shafia Firoz Preel celebrated her birthday on October 25. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Shafia goes to the Carmel School and likes watching cartoons.



Alia Khan celebrates her 11th birthday today, October 26. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Alia goes to the American School of Kuwait and likes swimming.



Ignatius Vaz celebrates his 7th birthday today, October 26. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Ignatius goes to the Indian School and likes reading and painting.



Diana Bedrosian celebrates her 7th birthday today, October 26. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Diana goes to the Sunshine School and likes swimming and dancing.



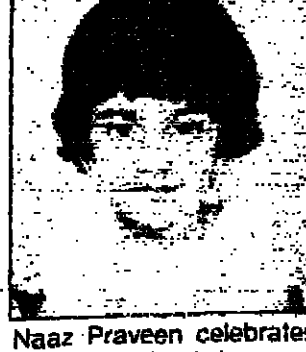
Craig Jordan Cox celebrates his 1st birthday today, October 26. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Craig likes playing with cars and football.



Ashish Chopra celebrates his 14th birthday on October 29. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Ashish goes to the Indian School and likes football and badminton.



Naaz Praveen celebrates her 9th birthday on October 30th. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Naaz goes to the Indian School and likes singing and dancing.



Rebecca Braganza celebrated her birthday on October 25th. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Rebecca goes to the Carmel School.



Omar Al Awadi celebrates his 5th birthday on October 27. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Omar goes to the Universal American School and likes listening to music.



Sampath Wijetunga celebrates his birthday on October 29. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Sampath likes playing with his brother.



Nixon Dio Vaz celebrates his first birthday on October 28. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Nixon likes messing around with the television and radio.



Karthik Narayanaswamy celebrates his 8th birthday on October 29. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Karthik goes to the Indian School and likes drawing.



Siddharth Balwani celebrates his birthday today, October 26. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Siddharth goes to the Indian School and likes reading books.



Mohammed Shinawi celebrated his birthday on October 22nd. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family.

Mohammed goes to Mezel Haza's Sal'ial School.

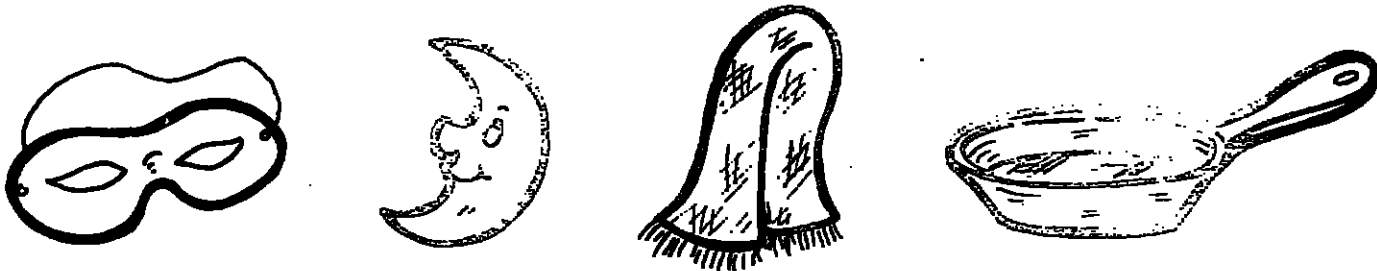


Anjali Mahendra celebrated her 12th birthday on October 22nd. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Anjali goes to the Indian school and likes painting.

* Colour all of these objects

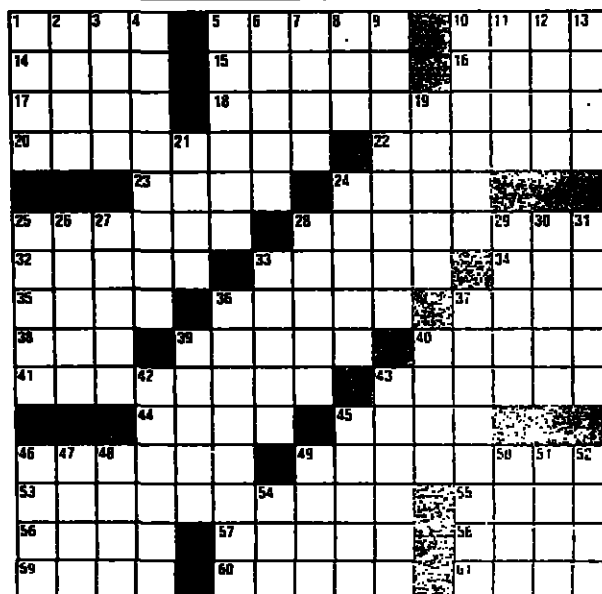
* Circle all the things to wear



1. Put two balloons in the clown's hand.
2. Colour one balloon red.
3. Colour the other balloon yellow.



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Colorful fish
 - 5 Degrade
 - 10 Diplomat's forte
 - 14 Brubeck of music
 - 15 Man from La Mancha
 - 16 Dashiell
 - 17 Turgenev's birthplace
 - 18 Anagram for Australian
 - 20 Salvages
 - 22 "Fables"
 - 23 Anagram for Lees
 - 24 Chip in chips
 - 25 Piano infant
 - 28 "Once Upon a"
 - 32 "Kate and"
 - 33 Word of regret
 - 34 Heat meas.
 - 35 Post-bath powder
 - 36 Hybrid of a sort
 - 37 Comment from Leo
 - 38 Ship's course
 - 39 Do housework
 - 40 "the Conqueror": '88 Oscar film
 - 41 Vehicle for baby
 - 42 "than thou"
 - 44 Captured
 - 45 Actress Williams
 - 46 Member of the winds
 - 49 Used Trump's airline
 - 53 Anagram for speculation
 - 55 "Camera"
 - 56 Charlotte and Norma
 - 57 Jagged
 - 58 Roman poet
- DOWN**
- 1 Anagram for door
 - 2 Anagram for reap
 - 3 "plaisir"
 - 4 Anagram for chenille
 - 5 Lend a hand
 - 6 Former mayor of New York City
 - 7 Red army
 - 8 Trifle
 - 9 Knight's calling
 - 10 Hairdresser, at times
 - 11 Woody's son
 - 12 Paper holder
 - 13 Afternoon socials
 - 19 Meshlike
 - 21 Not windward
 - 24 Composer Copland
 - 25 Gluts
 - 26 Mill
 - 27 Danube
 - 28 Gaudy
 - 29 "Don Carlos" princess
 - 30 Anagram for tales
 - 31 Mure
 - 32 Gossamer
 - 36 House distribution
 - 37 Anagram for mental
 - 39 Tinselly
 - 40 Postcardal quat
 - 42 Lure
 - 43 Dragged
 - 46 Famous Chevy
 - 48 Anagram for poet
 - 49 Anagram for cats
 - 50 Etna cuspid
 - 51 Anagram for time
 - 52 Florida count
 - 54 Anagram for air

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

CANAL SLAB BOBEY
ALLIVE CATIONALEE
TENET EIVEN KORIA
MARTINANDILEWIS
EVENSONNET
STARRY MAMA
HALOS MAICEDONIA
ARES DOZENALONG
MAICERATEDCARICE
ATESAROMIAS
EMPIRE ICE
LAURELANDHARDY
OKRA IDOLSTIRIES
PERT NINECOVATE
ERSE ETESAREMILT

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
HANDLE WITH CARE

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 9
♥ 8 6 5
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ K Q 8 5

WEST
♠ K 8 7 3
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 3

EAST
♠ J 6 5 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ 10 9
♣ 10 9 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A 10 4
♥ A 7 2
♦ A Q J 6
♣ J 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of
Some card combinations allow flexibility in how they are handled. Others can be played only one way. There's nothing to the auction. South has a minimum no trump opening bid and, with a balanced 10 points in the responding hand, North has just enough to raise to game.

After the opening lead of the queen of hearts, it is obvious the club suit is crucial. The defenders have at least three heart tricks and the ace of clubs, and declarer has

only six fast tricks in the other three suits. So if the contract is to be made, declarer will probably have to score three club tricks.

In clubs break 3-3, there's nothing to the hand—whatever declarer does will succeed. Therefore, the problem hinges on 4-2 club distributions, those most likely to occur. If East has four clubs to the ace, odds are the defenders have two tricks in the suit regardless of how declarer plays. And if East has a doubleton ace, there is nothing short of a wonder guess to hold the defenders to one trick in the suit—declarer will have to lead a low club to the jack and then duck a club.

What if West holds a doubleton ace? Declarer can handle that simply enough. He should duck the first heart and in the continuation just in case that suit breaks 5-2 and East holds the ace of clubs. After winning the ace of hearts, declarer leads a low club to the king. When that holds, South returns to hand with a diamond and leads another low club. West has to waste the ace "on air," so the best the defenders can do is take their two heart tricks. Declarer can win any return, cash the jack of clubs and then get back to dummy in diamonds to take the established club for the fulfilling trick.



"Corned beef hash ... white meat only."

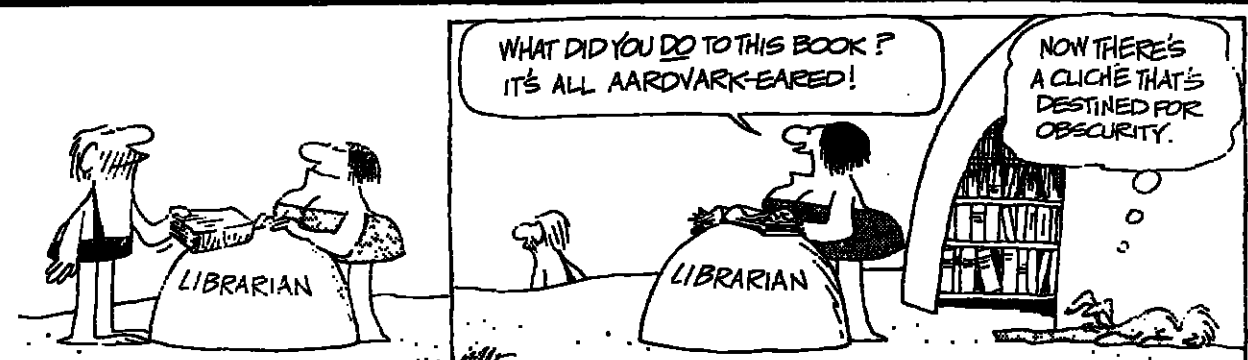
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should show a little more goodwill towards others and not be quite so fond of yourself. You should not act on the spur of the moment but not should you dither. Do not think that others will always do what you would like to do. Be less credulous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to have an interesting day. Make sure you do not let a friend down. You will be tempted to have a nibble throughout the day and should refrain. Be patient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Today the situation is a little confusing and you will have to do all you can to keep control of yourself. Do not toy around with anything that is electrical unless you know exactly what you are doing. Be generous but not to a fault.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Jupiter's favourable influence will help you to use the right amount of initiative. There is no time to lose and you must not dissipate your energies either. Try to keep up a steady working rhythm. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should look to the long term future more than to your immediate gain. Now is the time to mend your fences and you should not be too proud to make the first move. Do not expect more than you know you deserve. Be tactful.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

The moon's influence will help you to shake of a rather gloomy mood. Do not attempt to make repairs unless you fully understand what is involved. You will be better able to adapt to change. Be tolerant.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should not take everything quite so literally. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 32. And you should not leave others in doubt about your intentions. Have just a little more faith in yourself. Be reliable.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be better able to take the initiative. Do not judge by first appearance. They are liable to deceive you. Try to rid yourself of some preconceptions and prejudices. Be amicable.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have the will power you need to do what has to be done. Others will be more sympathetic towards you and you should return the compliment. Try not to make things more complicated, instead keep them simple. Be less obscure.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You are entering a more positive phase and will be able to do better than of late. You should also make sure that you get all the exercise and rest that you need. Make sure you do not spend recklessly but do not act like a miser either. Be magnanimous.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be more in tune with the atmosphere around you. You should not think that everything is obvious, instead look out for other than surface appearances. Do not be gloomy about the past, accept it. Be objective.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Do not allow yourself to be obsessed by some secondary matters. Do not eat merely out of habit and try not to lose or gain weight just now. Have a little more patience where your partner and children are concerned. Be sensible.

I walked alone

Over sandy beaches and starry nights.
Beside warm sea currents and in moon lights.
Near dancing waters and singing waves.
Far away from those horrible days.
I walked alone.

With the rising moon and the sun that bends.
In the summer touches and winter ends.
Like the gliding bird and the standstill tree.
With the rushing wind and air so free.
I walked alone.

There I saw and in the midst of my dream.
Those very old things in the corner of a scene.
"Leaving them behind" but the memories
won't go.
In the midst of them all. My friends and foe.
I walked alone.

By Amina Reza
14 years old
Indian school



Draw a bird in the nest.

Colour the bird and the nest.



Seasons of time

By Julie Hodgson

TIMMY the red squirrel scamped up the tree, in the town park. The trees were losing their leaves fast, soon winter would be upon us. The lark family were getting ready to fly south for winter, already soft snow flakes were dancing in the wind, but it was too wet on the ground for them to settle. "Watch out!" shouted Roger Robin, as he nearly crashed-landed into Larry Lark.

"Oh, I say old chap, do watch where you're flying" replied a ruffled feathered Larry Lark.

"Sorry about that,"

apologised Roger Robin, "just flew in a bit too fast, Larry, so sorry."

"Not to worry, dear boy, couldn't be helped."

The park was bustling with activity, children were feeding the ducks by the pond, boys were sailing their boats.

Larry Lark and Roger Robin sat on the sycamore branch and chatted a while. Larry Lark knew that when Roger Robin came on the scene it will not be long before his family will fly to warmer climates.

Just then there was a loud crack of thunder, followed by a bolt of lightning. "Oh dear, there is a

storm brewing" said Larry Lark.

"Yes I suppose this is good by then, till next spring" said a whistful Roger Robin.

"Yes, terribly sorry old chap, but when winter comes I go" Larry Lark replied.

As their lark family flew away, to search for warmer lands, Roger Robin, sat on the sycamore branch, with its branches holding but a few golden leaves, thinking, and hoping that winter would not be too hard on him, but that was not up to him, the seasons of time would come and go, and with the winter, would come the white cold snow

Word search

JUNKYARD

If you own an old car and don't want to spend too much money fixing it, the junkyard is a good place to find spare parts. From fenders to windshield wipers, it's sure to be a bargain!

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|---------|--------|---------|----------|------------|
| AERIAL | CLUTCH | HUBCAP | RADIATOR | WHEEL |
| AXLE | DASH | JACK | RADIO | WINDOW |
| BATTERY | DOOR | KEY | ROTOR | WINDSHIELD |
| BELTS | FAN | LAMP | SEAT | WIPERS |
| BLOCK | FENDER | LIGHTER | SHOCK | |
| BRAKE | FRAME | LOCK | SPARE | |
| BUMPER | GAUGE | MUFFLER | TANK | |
| CHASSIS | HOOD | OIL PAN | TIRE | |
| CLOCK | HORN | PLUGS | TRUNK | |



FRUITABLES SEARCH

Find the parts of these ordinary FRUITABLES:
part fruit and part vegetable.
Draw a line from the pictures to the name.

	cornberry	
	cherreans	
	banoccoli	
	pearrots	

Dear Junior readers,

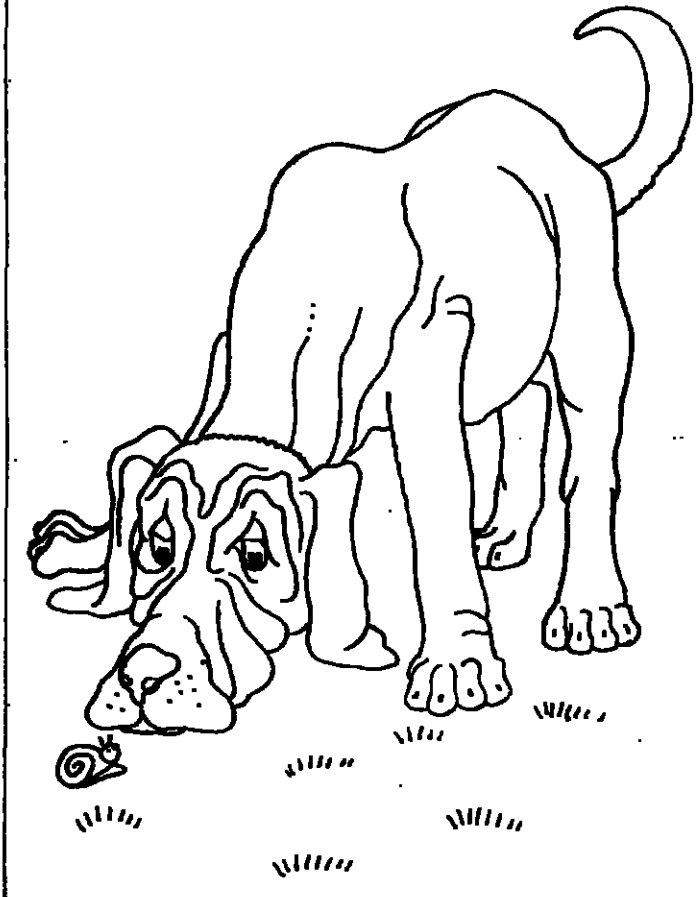
The weather is becoming cooler and cooler, in fact in the early morning and the late afternoon it becomes quite chilly. It is thereby, very important that you are aware of your body's needs.

You may feel that the weather is beautifully refreshing as you leave for school, but does your chest feel the same way. We sometimes do things without realising the dangers, especially when the dangerous behaviour seems so harmless. Going out into the cool winterish breeze with a warm body is shocking for your body organs. Slowly but surely, you will catch an uncomfortable cold with a runny nose and bad cough.

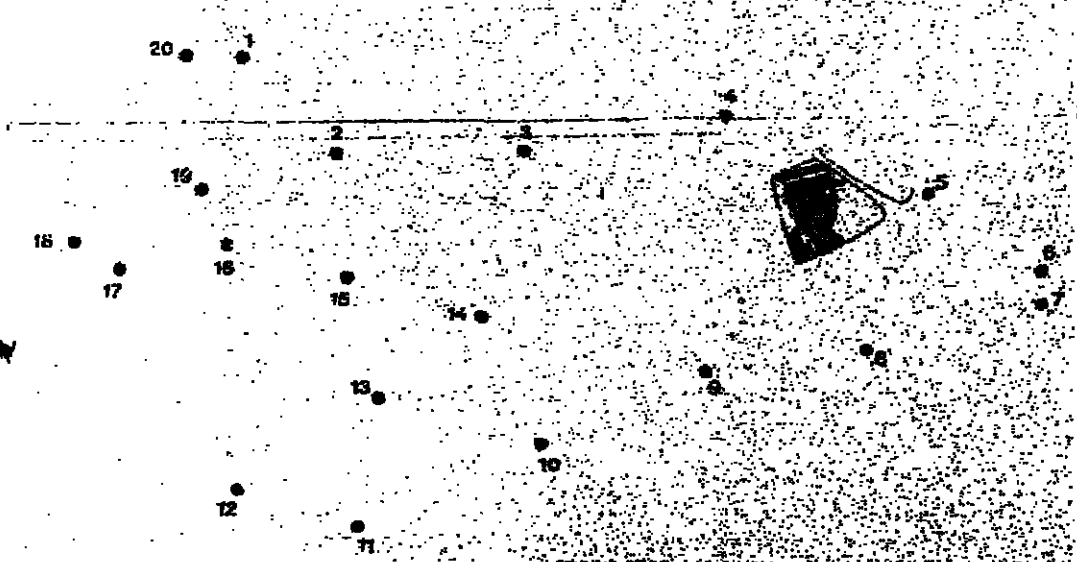
Try to wear a cardigan or tight jacket when you leave home every morning, you can always leave it in the classroom if the weather gets too hot.

Manal

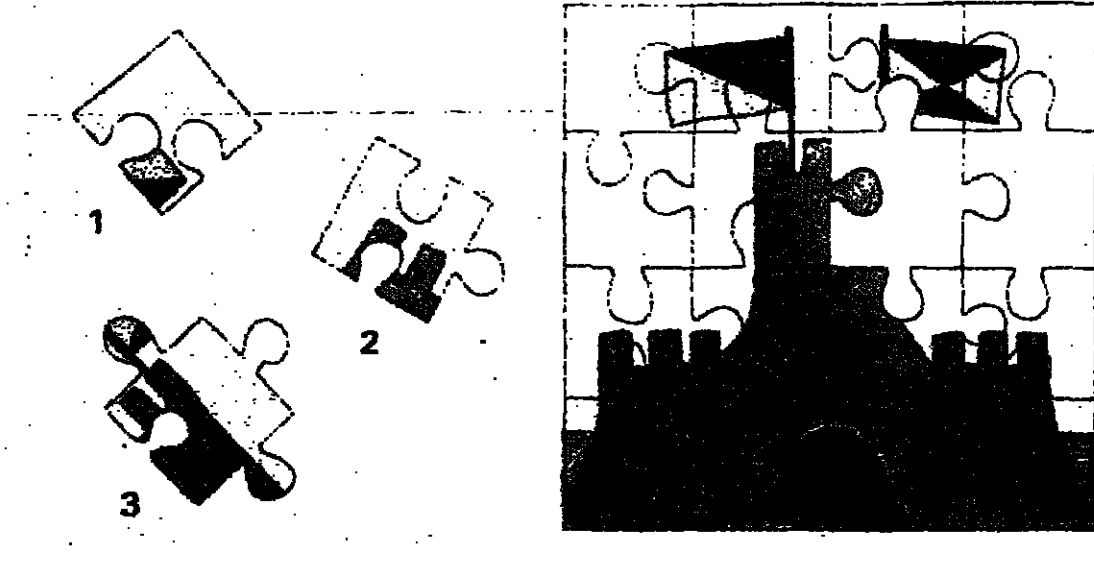
Colouring time



Join the dots from 1 to 20 and then colour the picture.



Which piece fits the puzzle?



FOR the past two days the I.A.C has been witnessing the spirit and enthusiasm of nearly two thousand budding artists from various Indian schools. The parents and children in colourful dresses moving around the I.A.C premises created a festive atmosphere. Yesterday nearly eight hundred children dressed in various forms and colours — as kings, farmers, vegetable vendors even some of the famous cartoon characters — participated in the fancy dress competition which proved to be a real feast for the eyes. It lasted till 9.30. Simultaneously, nearly eight hundred children participated in recitation (Group C) in the other I.A.C hall while around hundred children participated for modern music conducted in the Indian embassy hall. Light refreshment were served to the participants. The judges had a tough time evaluating the performances as there were innumerable number of participants in each category.



VARIETY



A scene from film 'Honey I Shrunk The Kids'.

'Honey I Shrunk The Kids'

Disney film stays on top

THE most incredible box office success story of this summer must surely go not to 'Batman' or 'Indiana Jones Part III', but to a very modestly budgeted Walt Disney family film 'Honey, I Shrunk The Kids'. Now in its 18th week the US top twenty, it has already grossed over \$125 million, and shows no signs of flagging.

Harking back to its very successful '50s and '60s fare like 'The Shaggy Dog' and 'The Love Bug', 'Honey I Shrunk The Kids' is Disney's latest attempt to exploit the old goldmine. The story capitalises on the perennial preference of children for movies that illustrate how much smarter they are than their bumbling parents. The kids, cinematic cousins of the incredible shrinking man, are accidentally zapped down to the size of large dust particles by an invention of their scientist father (Rick Moranis). Unaware of his inadvertent success, dad tosses the kids into the dustbin, forcing them to make their way to the house through a now frighteningly huge lawn. Some of the comic moments derive from the kids' smallness—they can now sleep in a leggo block and feast on a stale biscuit.

But most of the silliness revolves around Moranis' slapstick attempts to find them by dangling himself over the yard holding a magnifying glass and desperately trying to avoid the curiosity of neighbours and police.

This film is well on its way to reviving the lost field of moderately budgeted youth films that made the studio solid in the past decades. With results like this, we should be seeing the start of a significant new trend in American movies.

'Miracle Mile' also did fairly well at the American box office but totally failed to move this reviewer the way it was supposed to. The premise of the film is excellent—a decent young man is standing outside a diner at 4 am when a payphone rings. Harry thinks it may be his waitress girlfriend on the line. Instead he finds himself talking to a young man calling from a missile Silo somewhere in the Midwest.

Nuclear war has been declared and the hysterical soldier has misdialed while trying to call his father. Before Harry can determine whether this is a sick joke or not, the man at the other end is shot dead by his superior.

What follows is a blow unleashing of chaos. Nobody believes Harry at first, but a woman in the diner is soon able to confirm that the worst is about to happen. Harry is quickly launched on a race to find his girlfriend and make it to a plane which will fly them to the South Pole and survival.

Unfortunately the movie fails to involve the viewer. What would we do if we only had one hour to live? The lead actor, Anthony Edwards, is a very wispy washy actor, and any number of other actors might have added the power and credibility that this film needs. Had the film been made by an experienced film-maker with involving actors, the result might be electric.

'The Chair' is a horror movie which takes place in the high street correction centre, reopened by Doc Langer (James Coco) with just seven inmates on an experimental basis. 20 years previously the centre had been closed down after the inmates revolted and subjected the warden to a taste of his own electric chair. Now the new inmates are expected to restore the place, and help prove Langer's criminal psychological theories. Of course, the old warden has hung around in a ghostly electrical state, and sets about wreaking his revenge.

Marillion — live from Loreley

MARILLION was formed in the early 80's and in the early stages of their career they have had more than their fair share of criticism. An 80's band that plays 70's style progressive rock, with a singer who wears harlequin outfit and facial war paint make-up on stage and goes by the unlikely sounding name of "Fish" was considered not only unfashionable but also uncommercial. But in 1982, Marillion's first LP "Script for a Jester's Tear" entered the British charts at No. 4 and since then, they've released 7 or 8 superb albums that have all been successful. They've toured all over the world giving sell-out concerts and in the process made a cult figure of their towering lead singer, Fish.

Sadly, Marillion — Live from Loreley, was the last time Fish can be seen with Marillion on video as he has now left the band to pursue a solo career.

Loreley on the River Rhine is where Marillion chose to film this one and a half hour concert and it's an enchanting place too as we are treated to some breathtaking shots of the hilly countryside which forms a natural amphitheatre for the open air venue.

As Marillion make their entrance they are given a tremendous ovation by the huge German crowd, many of them with faces painted in "Fish" style make-up and holding up lighted sparklers. For the first time Marillion have a female backing singer to add a new dimension to the songs. She's a magical ingredient. The concert starts with a real mixture of new songs and old. After "Slainte Mhath" from the new album, we go back in time to "Assassin", then way back to the beginning to "Script for a Jester's Tear".

The video show packed with lighting tricks and Fish leaps and high kicks his way across the stage in a mixture of elaborate costumes. But surprisingly this time he himself has opted not to



Fish — draws crowds.

put the usual make-up he wears on stage. The audience respond on cue to his every action, simultaneously clapping, bouncing up and down, belting out all the lyrics that they know of by heart. Everyone's part of the show, and Marillion are one of the few bands who can make intimate contact with such a massive audience.

'Kayleigh' has all of the audience singing along, and it's followed by the whole of the first side of the "Misplaced Childhood" album. But the best song must surely be "Sugar Mice" with a soul-thrilling vocal performance by Fish, ably supported by Steve Rothery's searing lead guitar.

The best lighting effects have been saved for the very end. As Marillion go off for the last time, having played two encores, a spectacular firework display dazzles the audience.

Marillion — Live from Loreley is an excellent rock music video that showcases the talents of the best progressive rock band in the UK.

Marillion are Fish — vocals, Mark Kelly — keyboards, Steve Rothery — lead guitar, Peter Trewas — bass guitar and Ian Mosley — drums.

Running time approx: 90 mts. By Johnson Gilbert Music Videos available at the Video Club, Salmiya Tel: 5724372.

Bombay cine round-up — Silent role of star parents

How mama-papa guide heroines

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

THE ACTRESS that we see up there on the wide screen or even on the small screen is a product of many factors and guidelines. Rare comes the heroine who has made it all on her own. Usually it is the case of one or both parents having shaped the career of a top star from behind the scenes.

Sometimes it is the mother who is more businesslike and dominating. So she manages the affairs and also escorts the daughter everywhere, as in the case of most South Indian heroines. Sometimes, it is the father who knows or learns the ropes and pulls the strings accordingly. Often times, the star also becomes like a bird in a golden cage, surrounded by greedy parents, brothers, uncles or husbands. Then she seeks ways of flying off.

Almost all of today's heroines have risen on the strength of their parents. Just consider where Dimple would be if her father Chinnibhai Kapadia had not been so pushy. He kept talking to his film friends about this daughter who looked like Nargis. So Raj Kapoor's attention was drawn and "Bobby" as well as its teenage heroine were launched. Of course Chinnibhai could not succeed in steering the other daughter Simple's career and the



Sonam — successful at last.

third Rima remained a non-starter. Later history was repeated when Mandakini was discovered by R.K., after lots of efforts by papa Joseph and family friend also photographer J.P. Singhal.

Mandakini's mother then kept a close watch on her daughter's films as well as movements. And she saved her from some futile romances, like that with Ashish Chandra. Of course, both parents could not rescue her from rotten films or vulgar dances, as after all, each step meant a jangle of money. It is also noticed that once the daughter gets a break and starts laying golden eggs, the parents prefer to lay back and get lost in personal pleasures, like gambling or drinking. Producers are quick to take a bad advantage of this.

South Indian heroines are lucky that their parents remain alert, though rather too possessive. Sri Devi always moves under the umbrella of her strong-willed mother and sister led by Sri Lata. She is so much devoted to them that she lugs them along everywhere at the producer's

expense. Jaya Prada is of course too mature for that. Meenakshi Sheshadri relies a lot on her mother to adjust dates and public relations, and on her father for some business matters. In fact, some parents are often less snooty than the stars. But in a few cases they are worse.

The tradition has come down from the days of the first South's



Devan Verma — 'Dana Paani'.

heroine Vyjayantimala, who was well shadowed by her mother and grandma. Later, this was the case with Padmini and Ragini. When Hema Malini arrived, her mother Jaya Chakraborty took complete control of Hema's career and life. It helped her a lot in the jungle world of cinema. In the early years, they also produced some films together, of course with Hema's finance. Then the star began to tire of her mother, who also wanted to marry off Hema with a boy from their Ayengar community, while the girl had a link-up with Dharmendra. Now, mama Jaya is stationed in Madras, looking after their interests in South.

Some star parents cynically see their own frustrated ambitions of acting being fulfilled through the child. They impose their own ideas, but they go to pieces when the star daughter begins to assert and make her own decisions. Fathers take to vices and mothers to frustrations or strange



Dimple — ideal marriage.

additions. They also get a lot of easy money to squander and plenty of free time on hand. On

the sets, they are like hangers-on, sitting idle for hours, adopting a bossy attitude with people. Padmini Kolhapure's father used to look after her business side. But then the parents must have become too oppressive, Padmini had to run away at midnight and marry her chosen man Tutu Sharma.

In the case of Anita Raj it was more difficult, because father Jagdish Raj had been doing small roles for years and suddenly found the daughter at the top rung of fame and wealth, which he could never achieve. Now, the calls or visits by industry people were all for Anita and not Jagdish. It would hurt the ego of any man. The emotional and other bondage must have grown heavy for Anita also. She fled to marry Sunil Duggan. It is good of her that she still continued to help her brother Bobby in producing films. Poonam Dhillon's parents also did not like her marriage to Ashok Thakuria.

The current craze Madhuri Dixit has both her Maharashtrian parents looking well after her and also helping to keep a level head and simple life-style. She need not go to Kolhapure way. Amrita Singh was introduced by her mother Rukhsana Sultan, the Delhi socialite and then was left on her own in Bombay. The actress consolidated her professional status but her flings with Vinod Khanna show a lack of loving guidance from an elder. Kimi's mother Tina Karkar has held the reins till now but the examples of others are too easy to follow.

Where mothers or fathers are not actively on the scenes, aunts and uncles take over. Neelam's aunt Shehnaz and Katy have been a constant inspiration to her, while the father from Hong Kong is rarely to be seen. Sonam's aunt Sabia has helped promote her career in a big way, with her plans and "designs" (including dresses).

Heroines of the last generation also had such escorts, especially as the times were orthodox. Suraiya was heavily bodyguarded by her mother and the more tough granny. They watched every movement of the singer star, even her brief romance with Dev Anand. Jaddanbai, mother of Nargis, died early, so her brothers kept a close watch on her and produced films which made losses. She remained financially dependent, during the relation with R.K. and later marriage with Sunil Dutt. Madhubala's father Ataullah Khan also went into production. Hers was an unhappy life. Still worse was Meena Kumari's fate, without parents and with a broken marriage. No wonder she went berserk with drinking and nymphomania.

Heroines in later years learnt from this experience. Saira Bani's career was well guided by actress mother Naseem. Zeenat Aman had Mrs Heins to look after her. Reena Roy's mother dominated her life but the poor father (once an actor called Sadiq Ali) was driven to live alone in grave poverty. Some fathers have been too self-respecting and firm on the Indian tradition that they cannot accept their daughter's earnings. All this leads to differences and separation, as happened with the fathers of Manisha Kohli and even Govinda.



Sri Devi always protected by mother and sister.



Madhuri Dixit, faithful to her simple parents.



Papa looks after Padmini till she eloped.



Neelam's papa from Hong Kong is rarely seen.

Modern times have found some heroines shaping their own life, the most conspicuous being Rekha, followed by Farha who is trying to throw off any shackles. The new actresses, who mostly work as models, lead an independent life and stay alone. Kiran Juneja, Sangeta Bijlani, Juhi Chawla, Souu Wadia, Archana Puran Singh and many others

don't care for any parental help, though Sonica Gill, known for the sex films, goes around with her mother.

Star parents are a mixed blessing. They may prove a help as well as a hindrance. Without them, the actresses may go wayward. And some parents ruin themselves because of star children.

Scene

Every dog has his (her) day. That applies most to Sonam. The "poor" actress was fast tumbling when "Ohye Ohye" came to her rescue. The song has even hit magazine covers. So producers are again lining up to sign Sonam along with Naseeruddin Shah, her partner in "Tridev". They are also planning similar songs for the two. Films with the two stars are being bought quickly. For Sonam this may be a big lift. But for international award winner Naseeruddin, all we can say is "Oh, what a fall was there, my countrymen".

"Agneepath" the only film Amitabh and Mithun are doing together may be the last straw in the star war. While Amit is doing the intense angry stuff, poor Mithun has been made a Malabari (South Indian) coconut seller. He has even to sing a song to sell them and about in his own voice "Nargis Pami". Mithun does not mind doing this unusual role of Krishan Aiyar. But he does not realise he is being made a laughing stock opposite Amitabh.

Devan Verma had a strange reason for releasing his "Daana Pani" against "Toofan" and "Jadoogar". While even big producers withdrew, like Yash Chopra postponing "Chandni" and Harnam Malhotra his "Nigahen", Devan dared to enter. He simply explained: "If the film clicks people will say it ran even against Amir's films and if it flops, then I can say that it failed only because of 'Toofan' and 'Jadoogar'".

Twinkle, daughter of Rajesh and Dimple is becoming the bone of contention between the separated couple. Dimple does not like the girl to enter films. But Rajesh declared that in the near future, he will himself launch Twinkle with a bang in a film of his own. He also added that by that time, Dimple will fade away. Now let's see whom the girl obeys... mama or papa?

Aamir Khan has also a handsome brother called Faisal Khan. He too wanted to be a hero. Papa Tahir even announced a film "Sher Sawasher". But the trade response was cool. So Faisal was asked to direct a film with Aamir. But who knows if the boy will not pursue his starry ambitions?

R.K.'s famous song "Ramiya Vasta Vaisya" from "Shri 420" has been re-filmed for a video cassette programme. Instead of Raj and Nargis, it is Mithun with Dimple singing and dancing the same number. Well, at least Dimple will remind us of Nargis.

Slips

Makeup Khanna: Arun Govil (Rama) plunging into politics was a sad case. Though I have played Bheeshma in "Mahabharat", I can't ever try my hand in politics. Diplomacy and hypocrisy are not my strong points.

Dimple: I don't think there is anything like an ideal marriage. It's companionship that eventually lasts.

Neelam: I don't know what relationship Govinda was talking about. There was never any, from my side. Recently he was getting nasty and vicious. He is even bringing my family into it, which I can never stand from anyone.

Ungaro dresses his women like ladies

EMANUEL, Ungaro's sexy, sirenish women have grown up into savvy sophisticates for next spring's line of luxury ready-to-wear clothes.

As other designers knock themselves out to show female pulchritude with bared skin and molded cutout clothes for next spring, Ungaro's show looked downright ladylike.

Following his off-the-wall couture collection last summer, he went to a looser, cooler mood, waving his magic wand to turn bad taste into good. For this his many fans will be happy. Not that there aren't curves for next season. His line simply refines and streamlines some of his past fraught-with-detail ideas and hourglass shapes.

Even the draped bustier flowered silks and the flirty peplum suits had a light touch. His patterns were softer, and the short sheaths caressed the body rather than constricting it to look like a vamp.

The daytime separates, late-day black silk draped dresses and resort wear were much better than the unconvincing evening clothes — resumed in a few sparkling lame drapes and black.

Ungaro's high-powered shoulders have deflated into light padding for shape, some mildly puffy sleeves. But there's still plenty of exuberance in fitted peplum or bolero checked jackets with pink or yellow piping, flowered print crepe skirts in shades of orange and blue.

Some noteworthy new touches for parties include the solid flared ankle-length shiny jersey skirts topped with fabulous, softly-shaded paisley linen jackets and big pirate hats.

Ungaro still flings colours and floral prints about like a zany mixmaster. But his combinations are good: the wild-flower fitted jackets, some with vests, look great with

their sexy wrapped jersey blouses, lean plaid or checked skirts. The waists are always waspy-small, there is plenty of décolleté to show off the chest.

Ungaro's easier, softer mood also produced a raft of shifts and smocky toppers with puffy sleeves, as well as some wonderful safari suits with easy, cropped wide pants.

The looked downright restful, but beautifully cut with firmly-belted tunics and colour combinations of prune, brown, violet and peach in soft linens.

At Guy Laroche's show, ready-to-wear designer Guy Duvrier's sailor looks won't rock any boats. But they're jaunty and wearable. The organza-topped evening wear and sunny-side-up flower prints were a youthful synthesis of the polite side of Paris clothes for next summer.

Not wildly original, the House of Laroche regularly makes the grade with women who like to dress in quality-manufactured, big-name lines for a little less money. Bernadette Chirac, wife of the Paris mayor, was in the audience, and unflinchingly chooses a Laroche model or two.

From smocky-topped sheer black-and-white pyjama outfits to the giant poppies on fitted pique suits, there was a variety of colours and shapely lines in easy-to-wear clothes.

The puffy and bowed organza toppers in hot yellow, turquoise and Indian rose or shocking pink with black crepe draped sheaths or lean pants are just in tune with the flouncy mood of Paris for next summer.

The sophisticated but young clothes at the small House of Lecoanet-Hemant are still available in only a few shops, but their line will come out en masse and with serious distribution next spring thanks to Japanese backing.

Meanwhile, their jazziest cruise wear came out in hot-coloured Majorcan print cotton pedal pushers with eyelid-edged overblouses.

Women headed to Biarritz or the Ritz will like the curvaceous silk bicolor cocktail suits and body-conscious linen dresses with cutouts.

The original blue-brown damasked jeans teamed with a sequined, pearled box jacket, gave a surprising grace to this lifting collection.

Madame Rose Mett, alias Torrent, launched a ready-to-wear line called "Miss Torrentem" calling it "timeless classics for dynamic youth women today."

Like most other designers, she took a cruise with some pretty sailor suits, gold-buttoned at the shoulders. Her soft flower prints, puffed-sleeve silk dinner dresses, navy coat dresses would fit in nicely for lunch at Angelina's, the tearoom where she showed the sleek, but unpretentious collection.

Her nephew, Olivier Lapidus, son of Ted, put on his first big tent show at the Louvre. The 30-year-old designer, who studied in Japan, has a fair way to go. The clothes weren't all bad, but the show was awkward.

According to Lapidus' sister, Rose Mett, Olivier is being backed by his father's money, as Lapidus himself bows quietly out.

Young Lapidus' cotton sundresses and shorts jumpsuits in rust, saffron and other spicy colours looked fine for the Riviera if not for the smarter Deauville set. The fitted plaid or chevron jackets stiffened and curved out at hips were reminiscent of Jean-Paul Gaultier, circa 1986.

Better offerings in the uneven collection included the grape-like print skirts with loose overblouses and the indecently graded mousseline tucked sleeveless sheaths.



A model shows an Indian pattern designed by Emanuel Ungaro in Paris. (Reuter wirephoto)

Lendl defeats McEnroe in Italian final

BOLOGNA, Italy, Oct. 25, (AP): Ivan Lendl, the No. 1 player in the world, took 90 minutes to defeat his American archrival John McEnroe 6-4, 7-5 in last night's final of the All-Stars Tennis Classic in this north Italian city.

Prizes of the two-day, four-player exhibition were not disclosed by organizers. The Czechoslovak player capitalized on

his powerful serve and passing shots to down McEnroe, ranked fourth in the list of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

Lendl, who served 11 aces in the match, broke McEnroe's serve in the very first game and made another decisive break in the 11th game of the second set.

The Czechoslovak star said he will give up major clay-court tournaments next

year, including Paris, Monte Carlo and Rome, to concentrate on a prestigious victory in Wimbledon.

Lendl has never won the English tournament, although he reached the finals twice.

"I must improve my play on grass, to win Wimbledon. For this reason I plan to prepare in Australia, giving up some major clay-court events," Lendl told a news con-

ference.

In a match for third place Frenchman Yannick Noah, 14th in the ATP list, was upset by Italy's Omar Camporese.

Camporese, No. 48, took the first set tie break 7-5 to sail to a 7-6, 6-3 win.

Noah had lost three hard-fought sets to McEnroe in Monday night's qualifying match.

Sharma inspires Indian victory

KANPUR, India, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Pace bowler Chetan Sharma, promoted to bat at number four for India, answered the challenge with a thrilling 101 not out that fired India to a six-wicket win over England in their Nehru Cup cricket match today.

Sharma's match-winning century made up for his inauspicious bowling — his two wickets in 10 overs cost 78 runs — and sent England tumbling to their first defeat in four games in the six-nation tournament.

England, lifted by a typically masterful one-day innings of 91 from Allan Lamb, scored 255 for seven in their 50 overs and India triumphed at 259 for four with 11 deliveries left.

Sharma, who arrived with the score 65 for two after captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth (32) and Raman Lamba had given India a flying start, survived two chances.

He escaped when he had scored only three, Robin Smith dropping the catch on the mid-wicket boundary off off-spinner Eddie Hemmings, and again on 76 when skipper Graham Gooch missed the chance and paceman Phillip DeFreitas was bowling.

Sharma made his runs from 96 balls and struck eight fours and a six, making the most both of his two escapes and some untidy bowling during a third wicket partnership of 105 with Navjot Sidhu (61).

When Sidhu was run out, Dilip Vengsarkar (31) helped to clinch victory by putting on 81 with Sharma, who struck the winning runs with a boundary off Gooch that also brought up his century.

England's innings had been carried from the uncertainty of 80 for three by a perfectly-paced effort from Lamb, who made his runs from 109 balls despite a watchful beginning.

Lamb, who hit six fours, shared a fourth wicket stand of 130 in 131 deliveries with Alec Stewart, who contributed a fine 61 in 80 balls.

Lamb made a watchful start but then carried the attack to India's bowlers so effectively that he still made his runs from only 109 deliveries, hammering six fours.

England already sure of a place in the semifinals, were



Sharma: gave away 78 runs but scored 101

Lamb: scored 91 for England

A. Lamb c Srikkanth b C. Sharma	91
A. Stewart run out	61
D. Capel b Kapil Dev	32
P. DeFreitas c Asharuddin b Kapil Dev	11
R. Russell not out	10
G. Smith not out	6
Extras (lb-7 w-7 nb-3)	17
Total (seven wickets — 50 overs)	255
Fall of wickets: 1-43 2-48 3-80 4-210 5-219 6-239 7-251	
Did not bat: E. Hemmings, A. Ayub	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 10-0-56-2, Prabhakar 10-0-50-1, C. Sharma 10-0-78-2, Ayub 10-0-27-0, A. Sharma 10-1-37-1	
INDIA	
K. Srikkanth st Russell b Hemmings	32
R. Lamba c Russell b Smith	16
N. Sidhu run out	61
C. Sharma not out	101
D. Vengsarkar c Larkins b DeFreitas	31
Kapil Dev not out	4
Extras (lb-6 w-4 nb-2)	14
Total (four wickets — 48.1 overs)	259
Fall of wickets: 1-41 2-45 3-170 4-251	
Did not bat: M. Asharuddin, A. Sharma, M. Prabhakar, K. More, A. Ayub	
Bowling: Fraser 10-2-31-0, DeFreitas 10-0-66-1, Hemmings 10-0-51-1, Smith 10-0-44-1, Capel 3-0-24-0, Gooch 5-1-0-37-0	

Scoreboard

ENGLAND	
G. Gooch c Asharuddin b C. Sharma	21
W. Larkins lbw b A. Sharma	42
R. Smith c Asharuddin b Prabhakar	6

W. Indies stun Pakistan

Richardson slams Imran & Co

JULLUNDUR, India, Oct. 25, (Reuters): West Indies hauled themselves out of an uncharacteristic slump in one-day cricket and thrust back into contention for the Nehru Cup today with a six-wicket win over Pakistan.

Man of the Match Richie Richardson was largely responsible, taking charge with West Indies in trouble at 33 for two in reply to Pakistan's 223 for five in their 50 overs.

Richardson, supported by wicketkeeper-batman Jeff Dujon and captain Viv Richards, scored 80 before being stumped by Pakistan hero Aamir Malik, the replacement wicketkeeper, who slammed a fine 77 only a day after arriving to replace the injured Salim Yousuf.

Dujon, who made 46 before becoming Aamer's first stumping victim, and Richardson added 94 in 140 balls for the third wicket to inspire a victory that was only West Indies' second in their last seven one-day internationals, including the recent Sharjah Cup.

Richards kept up the momentum with an unbeaten 47 to steer his side home with nine balls to spare.

West Indies' second consecutive Nehru Cup win, after defeats by Australia and unrated Sri Lanka, gave Richards the side hope of a semifinal spot, but they cannot afford to lose to top-of-the-table England in Gwalior on Saturday.

Friday. Pakistan, who have won one and still have India and Sri Lanka to play, essentially lost the match in its early stages, managing only 98 runs in the first 33 overs on a placid pitch.

Aamir came to the rescue, then skipper Imran Khan, who made

24, and Salim Malik, who ended unbeaten on 44, made a game of it by hustling 59 runs in the last seven overs.

Called up after Salim Yousuf was injured, Aamir hit seven boundaries in the 106 balls he faced and shared a third wicket stand of 121 with Javed Miandad

after Pakistan had slipped to 27 for two.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN

Rameez Raja b Ambrose	14
Shoaib Mohammad c Richards b Marshall	22
Aamir Malik run out	77
Javed Miandad c D. Haynes b Ambrose	39
Salim Malik not out	44
Imran Khan c Richards b Benjamin	24
Extras (b-5 lb-5 w-3)	13
Total (five wickets — 50 overs)	223
Fall of wickets: 1-23 2-27 3-148 4-164 5-223	
Did not bat: Ejaz Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Abdul Qadir, Mushtaq Ahmed	
Bowling: Ambrose 10-0-45-2, Benjamin 10-0-45-1, Walsh 10-2-17-4, Marshall 10-1-51-1, Richards 7-0-38-0, Simmons 3-0-17-0	
WEST INDIES	
D. Haynes b Akram	4
P. Simmons lbw b Akram	16
R. Richardson st Aamir Malik b Qadir	80
J. Dujon st Aamir Malik b Qadir	46
V. Richards not out	47
G. Leggie not out	12
Extras (b-2 lb-15 nb-1 w-3)	21
Total (four wickets — 48.3 overs)	226
Fall of wickets: 1-21 2-33 3-127 4-191	
Did not bat: K. Arthurton, W. Benjamin, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, C. Gooch	
Bowling: Wasim Akram 9-3-1-38, 2. Waqar Younis 10-0-48-0, Mushtaq Ahmed 10-2-33-0, Imran Khan 5-1-22-0, Qadir 10-0-48-2, Shoaib Mohammad 4-0-20-0	
Result: West Indies won by six wickets	
Man of the Match: Richie Richardson	



Richie Richardson: Man of the Match

South Korea qualify for Cup finals

SINGAPORE, Oct. 25, (Reuters): South Korea beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 today to qualify for next year's World Cup finals in Italy, the second time in a row they have reached the finals.

The Koreans, with six veterans of the 1986 Mexico finals, booked their passage to Italy with goals by Hwang Bo-Kwang and Hwang Seon-Hong, maintaining their unbeaten record in the six-team Asian group final qualifying tournament.

Even if they lose their last match against the United Arab Emirates on Saturday, the Koreans have enough points to ensure they take one of the two Cup berths reserved for Asia.

Asian champions Saudi Arabia, the pre-tournament favorites, put up a good fight but lacked finish. They badly missed the services of top striker Majed Abdullah, suspended for two matches for hitting a UAE player in last Saturday's match.

The first half belonged to the Koreans whose constant attacks paid off just before halftime when 24-year-old Hwang Bo-Kwang thundered a deceptive shot from 25 metres past a wall of defenders and beat Saudi goalkeeper Abdullah Alduai.

South Korea sealed their victory when Hwang Seon-Hong tapped in an easy goal off a pass from Kim Joo-Sung in the 89th minute.

The second place in the Cup finals will go to either the UAE or China on Saturday.

De Silva named Man of the Match

Australia beat Sri Lanka

GOA, India, Oct. 25, (Reuters): A brave 96 by Aravinda de Silva won him the Man of the Match award but failed to stop Australia beating Sri Lanka by 28 runs in their Nehru Cup one-day cricket match today.

Anchored by a sound 85 from Dean Jones, Australia reached 222 for seven in their 50 overs and then dismissed Sri Lanka for 194 with seamer Simon O'Donnell claiming three wickets, including that of De Silva.

Sri Lanka looked to have little chance of passing the Australian total when they lost their first two wickets with only 21 runs on the board, but then De Silva played a commanding innings which came near to upsetting the World Cup holders.

He hit two sixes and seven fours in the 107 balls he faced during 92 minutes at the crease and earned warm praise from Australian coach Bobby Simpson.

"You would be proud to play an innings like that, wouldn't you?" Simpson said.

"The Sri Lankans are a long way away when it comes to Test cricket, but obviously in one-dayers they are far better."

Lively pace bowler Graeme Labrooy was easily the pick of the Sri Lankan attack after Australia won the toss and decided to bat.

He trapped Jones leg before and also took the wickets of captain Allan Border (26) and Tom Moody (12) at a cost of 38 runs in 10 overs.

Jones' responsible innings came from 101 balls and included two sixes and seven fours.

Sri Lanka's third defeat in four matches probably ended their semifinal hopes, but they at least have the consolation of having beaten West Indies for the first time during the qualifying round.

Australia now have two victories, but will need to beat hosts India in their final qualifying match on Friday to have a realistic chance of reaching the semifinals.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA	
Marsh run out	38
D. Boon lbw b Fernando	19
D. Jones lbw b Labrooy	85
A. Border b Labrooy	26
S. Waugh run out	2
T. Moody b Labrooy	12
S. O'Donnell not out	6

L. Healy run out

M. Hughes not out

Extras (b-4 lb-10 w-8 nb-1)

Total (seven wickets — 50 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-40 2-105 3-160 4-165 5-196 6-205 7-210

Did not bat: G. Lawson, T. Alderman

Bowling: Ratnayake 9-1-34-0, Labrooy 10-1-38-3, Wijesinghe 10-0-40-4, Fernando 3-0-16-1, Asoka de Silva 7-0-30-0, Aravinda de Silva 9-0-36-0, Ratnayake 2-0-14-0

SRI LANKA

R. Mahanama lbw b Alderman

B. Kuruppu b Hughes

A. Gurusinghe c Boon b Lawson

Aravinda de Silva b O'Donnell

R. Ratnayake run out

A. Ratnayake c Waugh b Border

H. Tillekeratne c Boon b O'Donnell

L. Fernando c Alderman b O'Donnell

G. Labrooy run out

Asoka de Silva not out

K. Wijesinghe c Lawson b O'Donnell

Extras (lb-2 b-2 w-4 nb-2)

Total (47.1 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-7 2-21 3-54 4-74 5-103 6-166 7-179 8-182 9-191

Bowling: Alderman 9-1-41-1, Lawson 8.1-2-23-2, Hughes 10-0-39-1, O'Donnell 10-1-48-3, Border 10-0-39-1

Result: Australia won by 28 runs

Man of the Match: Aravinda de Silva

Turkey rekindle Cup hopes

ISTANBUL, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Turkey thrashed Austria 3-0 on Wednesday to rekindle their hopes of reaching the World Cup soccer finals for the first time in 36 years.

Shrugging off injuries and the absence of star striker Tanju Colak for all but the last 15 minutes, Turkey, who last appeared in the finals in 1954, consistently beat Austria for possession in midfield and kept the visitors' goal under pressure throughout the European Group Three qualifying tie.

Turkey's hero was Rıdvan Dilmen, who scored first with a fine header in the 11th minute and broke free seven minutes after halftime to beat the Austrian goalkeeper again.

Feyyaz Ucar shot through a goalmouth melee in the 60th minute to score a third goal for the ecstatic capacity crowd of 32,000 as the Turks moved from fourth place to second in the next few days. The basketball team of Cameroon will arrive today (Thursday). Delegations of 8 delegations will arrive in Kuwait before the opening of the Games on Oct. 30.

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Turkey have seven points from seven matches and are two points adrift of leaders the Soviet Union. Austria and East Germany also have seven points and trail Turkey on goal difference. The top two teams from the group will go to Italy.

To reach the finals, the Turks must at least draw with the Soviet Union in Moscow on November 8 and hope that Austria and East Germany, playing the group's last match on November 15, also draw.

Czechoslovakia beat Switzerland 3-0 (half-time 1-0) in a World Cup European Group Seven qualifying soccer match today.

Sweden beat Poland 2-0 (half-time 1-0) in their World Cup European Group Two qualifying soccer match today. Sweden qualify for the finals.

East Germany beat Malta 4-0 (half-time 2-0) in a friendly soccer match today.

Senegalese delegation arrives for Peace and Friendship Games

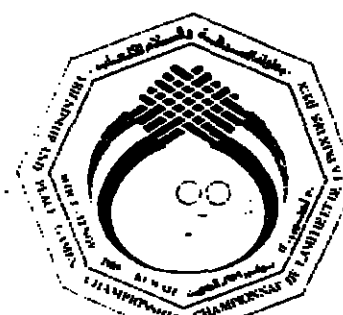
THE Senegalese ambassador to Kuwait, Abdul Ahad Mabaki, praised the initiative of HH the Amir for ordering the holding of the Peace and Friendship Games in Kuwait. He said that this will provide a golden opportunity for the meeting of the Muslim youths in Kuwait.

This statement was made after the deputy chairman of the Organising Committee of the Games, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, received the Senegalese ambassador yesterday. He thanked Sheikh Fahd for inviting Senegal to participate in the Games.

Senegal will take part in the handball competition. The ambassador said that the organ-

ising of the Games in Kuwait reflects the keen interest of HH the Amir towards Muslims all over the world. He stressed that Kuwait stances towards this issue are always very clear. He also praised Sheikh Fahd's efforts for encouraging the Games.

The real countdown for the Peace and Friendship Games has started. The Games will open on Oct. 30. The Senegalese handball team arrived in Kuwait yesterday to be the first delegation to arrive for the Games. The delegation is headed by director of sports at the Sports and Youth Ministry, Ahmad Jah. The Senegalese sports minister, who was



supposed to arrive along with the team, will now arrive on Friday. The delegation was received at the airport by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the Senegalese ambas-

sador to Kuwait, and a host of sports officials. The delegation was received with flowers presented to them by young girls.

The Falcon, the emblem of the Games, was also among the receivers. In a statement to newsmen, Ahmad Jah praised the Games and demanded holding it regularly. He even demanded organising Islamic Games on regular basis like the Olympic and Commonwealth Games and others.

Sheikh Fahd also yesterday received president of Al Masri Egyptian sports club, Sayed Metwalli who is currently heading a club football team on a friendly visit to Kuwait. Met-

walli praised Kuwait and HH the Amir and the sports officials for organising the Peace and Friendship Games. Metwalli later visited the Press Centre of the Games at Hawalli. He was received by the head of the information committee Mohammad Al Zamil and head of the press centre Faisal Al Qanai. He praised the great facilities available at the centre.

Meanwhile, Al Masri football club yesterday lost its first friendly match in Kuwait to Qadsia. The match which was played last night ended 3/1 for Qadsia.

Delegations participating in the Peace and Friendship Games will continue arriving to Kuwait

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KPBL gets 22 teams for Dec 1 start

THE Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League (KPBL) has so far attracted 20 men's teams and two ladies squads for its first conference, scheduled to start on Dec. 1.

The men's teams who signified their intention of taking part in the event are: El Caviteño, Alhambra, Pizza Italia, Kay & Associates, Kuwait International Hotel, KPBC, Nissan Al Babbain, Soft Rock Cafe, Kuwait Regency Palace, Kuwait Hotels Co., Overland Trans. Co., EEL, KPTC, Risco, Alexco, Asco, KDD, Pampanga, Los Campadres and SAS Hotel.

Greek House and National have so far agreed to take part in the women's section of the tournament.

A meeting is scheduled to be held tomorrow at the Soft Rock Cafe at 2.00 pm to discuss the following topics: Rules and regulations, opening date, entry fee, membership drive and side events (one on one, three-point shootout, free throw and Christmas Fund drive).

Other interested teams (male and female) can attend the meeting. KPBL general secretary Emong Lindamas is also inviting any male/female players who don't have teams to play with to submit their names at the above meeting so that they can be absorbed by other teams.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Royal message

LONDON, Oct. 25, (AP): A silver baton with a royal message was passed from Queen Elizabeth II to three top British athletes yesterday to begin a 14,000-mile journey to New Zealand for the Commonwealth Games. Steve Overt, Sally Gunnell and John Herbert, gold medalists at the last games in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1986, received the message from the British monarch that will be read at the start of the competition in Auckland next Jan. 24.

Heavyweight fight

NEW YORK, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Boxing promoter Don King says he wants world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson to defend his crown next year against number one contender Evander Holyfield.

Legal action

NEW YORK, Oct. 25, (AP): Olympic champion Carl Lewis has begun legal action against a West German magazine and a Canadian cable TV network for reporting that he used performance-enhancing drugs, a newspaper reported today.

Leconte wins

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Frenchman Henri Leconte outplayed Italian Paolo Cane 6-3 6-7 6-3 to set up a second-round clash with title-holder and second seed John McEnroe in the \$1.05 million European Community tennis tournament yesterday.

Wimbledon boss

LONDON, Oct. 25, (Reuters): John Curry, a 51-year-old accountant, will succeed Buzzer Hadingham as chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club, home of the Wimbledon championships.

\$100,000 donation

TOKYO, Oct. 25, (AP): The Japan Professional Baseball Association said today it is donating \$100,000 from proceeds from Japan's version of the World Series to victims of the San Francisco Bay Area earthquake in California.

Leading scorer

FORT COLLINS, Colorado, Oct. 25, (AP): Former Colorado state basketball star Pat Durham will pass up the National Basketball Association this season and play professional basketball in Europe. Durham, the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in CSU history, signed a one-year contract Sunday to play in Seville, Spain.

Coritiba banned

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Oct. 25, (AP): In a surprisingly severe decision, the Brazilian soccer federation suspended Coritiba for one year for failing to show up for a game in the national championship.

Another jewel

NEW YORK, Oct. 25, (AP): Roger Penske's elite IndyCar racing team added another jewel to its collection yesterday, announcing that 1989 Indianapolis 500 and series champion Emerson Fittipaldi will join current drivers Rick Mears and Danny Sullivan next season.

WBC champion

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Oct. 25, (UPI): World Boxing Council middle

Players slam plans for \$6m tourney

LONDON, Oct. 25. (Reuters) Top tennis players have attacked plans for a new Grand Slam cup which will offer \$6 million in prize money to be shared between 10 men.

"It's an almost ridiculous sum of money," former Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg told the London Times in an interview published today after the announcement of the annual cup, set up by the organisers of the four Grand Slam championships.

"\$2 million to the winner" the Swede added. The cup will be staged in West Germany from December 10-16 next year.

Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek, ranked 12th in the world, said the Grand Slam committee had deliberately set out to overshadow the finals of the New Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) tour just two weeks earlier which will offer total prize money of \$2 million.

"It's obviously a move to downgrade our

finals," Hlasek said.

Frenchman Henri Leconte added: "It makes no sense. It's not fair on the Australian Open. The runner-up in this new event will earn more than 128 players earned at the Australian this year."

"I think Philippe Chatrier (president of the International Tennis Federation) is just trying to make the ITF look important. It is stupid."

The ATP takes over the running of the tennis tour from next January and had deliberately left December free of tournaments to give the players a break, persuading the ITF to bring the Davis Cup final forward a month from its traditional slot in the week before Christmas.

Ten men will qualify for the new cup, based on performance in the Grand Slam events — the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open — and the Davis Cup.

Over 300 removed from UN blacklist

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 25. (AP) More than 300 cricket players and motorcyclists are being dropped from the UN's list of athletes censured for competing in South Africa, an official said yesterday.

The UN special committee against apartheid took the step after the international governing bodies for cricket and motorcycle racing — the international cricket conference and the international motorcycle federation — took firm stances against competition in the apartheid state.

Ghanaian UN ambassador James Gbeho said 328 cricketers and motorcyclists who played in South Africa before April 1, 1989, would be deleted from the list.

"The committee was pleased to note that the International Cricket Conference has at last taken measures to dissuade cricketers taking part in (competition in) South Africa," Gbeho said.

Excluded

"The special committee agreed to give motorcyclists a similar dispensation," Gbeho said. "The International Motorcycling Federation has now excluded South Africa from its membership and has withdrawn recognition of all competitions in South Africa."

Cricketers and motorcyclists will be added to the list if they in future compete in South Africa, this time against the advice of their governing bodies as well as the United Nations, Gbeho said.

More than 3,000 athletes remain on the "register of sports contacts with South Africa." While that number is smaller, the list of entertainers, musicians, and film and television artists who have worked in South Africa, the United Nations hopes to isolate South Africa culturally and in the sports federations also have cut links to the racially divided country, with tennis and gymnastics two exceptions among Olympic events.

The IOC decreed this year that any athlete who competes in South Africa will be stripped of Olympic eligibility, a move Gbeho lauded yesterday.

Warn

Gbeho also noted that Sweden has prevailed on the European Professional Golfers Association to warn its members they will be barred from tournaments in Sweden if they compete in South Africa again.

Among the cricketers dropped from the list under the decision announced yesterday are British team captain Graham Gooch, coach Frank Tyson and manager Brian Taylor.

Australian cricket manager Bruce Francis and 17 other players also were dropped from the UN list, along with players from Barbados, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, the Leeward Islands, Netherlands, New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

Motorcyclists from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, Britain, the United States and Venezuela.

Graf blanks Garrone

Potter tames Bentley



Graf still improving her game

BRIGHTON, England, Oct. 25. (AP) Top-ranked Steffi Graf gave up one point in the first five games and went on to beat Laura Garrone 6-0, 6-0 in the first round of a women's tennis tournament today.

Graf allowed her Italian opponent only 15 points in the entire match, which lasted just 34 minutes. Garrone, ranked 83rd in the world, hit only one winner in the match, a cross-court backhand in the second game of the second set.

"Steffi hits the ball so hard you just watch the ball go by," Garrone said.

Graf, who has won seven of the last eight Grand Slam tournaments, said she was improving her game all the time.

"My service is getting stronger and I'm going in far more," she said. "I'm also stepping in and trying to take the ball earlier. Sure, I can get better."

Graf also said she had been asked by Britain's Princess Diana to give a tennis lesson to her older son, Prince William.

Graf said she hoped to find a spot on her schedule to coach the 7-year-old.

Also yesterday, at the indoor event on the Virginia Slims tour, Barbara Potter defeated 16-year-old Sarah Bentley of Britain 6-4, 6-2. It was Potter's first tournament match since an automobile accident eight months ago.

Potter, a 28-year-old from Waterbury, Connecticut, said she injured her back and knees when she drove into the rear of another vehicle while on her way to practice.

Potter said she felt fairly good after the victory.

In other first-round matches, Katrina Adams defeated Patty Fendick in a Meeting of Americans, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; Monica Seles of Yugoslavia defeated Nathalie Herrmann of France, 6-3, 6-4; Ann Henrickson of the United States beat Eva Pfaff of West Germany, 6-1, 6-1; and Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden defeated Dinky van Rensburg of South Africa 7-6, 6-2.

Al Hajri heads for Portugal

SPURRED on by his crushing victory in Ireland, Saeed Al Hajri, the Rothmans rally star from Qatar, travels to Portugal in search of his latest rally challenge. The Algarve Rally will produce that challenge, with almost 900kms of European Championship quality with an entry list of drivers to suit.

Saeed became the first Arab driver to win a major international rally outside the Middle East, when he took the Rothmans Ford Rally Team Sierra Cosworth to an impressive six minutes victory in the Cork 20 Rally, based in Ireland.

Flushed with success, the David Sutton run team now departs for Portugal, where 28 high speed special stages face Saeed as his latest challenge.

"My year certainly has been varied," commented Al Hajri as he embarked on his practice session in the Portuguese mountains. "I couldn't have asked more of the Rothmans Team Sierra in Ireland, the car performed superbly on the asphalt



Saeed Al Hajri stages. Now we have to face gravel roads once again.

"These roads in Portugal have their own character, quite unlike the loose surface tracks of New Zealand and Australia where I have tackled two World

Championship rallies this year."

The Rothmans Team had planned to contest the final round of the British Championship just days before Algarve started, but instead a fuller practice session in Portugal will help give Saeed the competitive edge he needs to beat top European drivers on their home ground.

The former Middle East rally champion will again be co-driven by Britain's Steve Bond, an expert in rallying's "secret weapon," pace notes. These are notes made by the crew whilst practising each special stage, when they record road surfaces, hazards and bends which can be taken flat out. The co-driver reads them back during the rally, and allows the driver to "set" around corner and over crests in the road.

Action starts on Friday, Oct. 27, 1989, when cars leave the Albufeira Start on the first leg of the two-day rally, which accounts for 382kms and 12 special stages (196kms).

Hooligans behaviour under study

THE HAGUE, Oct. 25. (Reuters) Otto Adang, an expert on chimpanzees, sees a similarity between the behaviour of the hairy primates and that of the hooligans he has been studying at soccer matches.

After three years, Adang, an animal behaviourist, hopes his findings about the behaviour of unruly fans will help authorities tackle soccer violence more effectively.

He views soccer violence as part of adolescent posturing — like that seen in young chimpanzees — which boys indulge in between the ages of 15 and 20 and eventually outgrow.

"They want to better their position in their group by showing off. Chimpanzees do this within their own group, but humans do it towards another group," he explained.

The study was commissioned by the Dutch justice and interior ministries, at a loss over how to control hooliganism.

This week 14 people were injured by home-made bombs at a crowded Amsterdam stadium, the third serious incident of soccer violence in six months.

"There have been piles of reports written over soccer vandalism, and lots of theories about the violence, but no one had systematically studied what actually happens in the stadium," said Adang, a researcher at Utrecht University.

While politicians are calling for tougher sentences for convicted soccer hooligans, an identity pass system and more security, Adang does not believe these measures will solve the problem.

Everton overwhelm Luton

LONDON, Oct. 25. (AP) Two goals by Mike Newell early in the second half helped First Division leader Everton to a 3-0 victory over Luton last night and a spot in the fourth round of English soccer's League Cup.

Also advancing was red-hot Southampton, which beat Charlton 1-0 on a goal by Glenn Cook.

The remaining three Cup matches ended in draws and will have to be replayed.

Crystal Palace tied Nottingham Forest 0-0; Sunderland and Bournemouth tied 1-1 in a match of Second Division teams; and Third Division Bolton drew 3-3 with Second Division Swindon on a last-minute goal by substitute Jeff Chandler.

In a match from Division

Three, Mansfield beat Swansea 4-0.

Everton moved into first place in Division One with a 3-0 victory over defending champion Arsenal on Saturday.

Newell, who came to Everton in a million-pound (\$1.6 million) sale from Leicester in the off-season, took over the League scoring lead with a pair of headers — the first off a Neil McDonald cross in the 53rd minute and the second six minutes later when he converted a cross from Pat Nevin. Newell now has nine goals on the season.

Nevin got the third Everton goal, in the 77th minute.

Cook's goal gave Southampton its second big win in four days, after Saturday's 4-1 League victory over Liverpool.

But the winning score against Charlton almost did not happen.

A linesman was waving a penalty flag as Southampton's Andy Peake appeared to handle the ball 16 seconds into the second half. But the referee ignored the flag and Cockerill kicked Peake's pass in for the game's only score.

Sunderland dominated play but could not shake Bournemouth. After Marco Gabbiadini scored in the 17th minute for Sunderland, Bournemouth tied six minutes later on a shot by Peter Shearer.

Results

English Football League Cup third round

Crystal P 3, Notts Forest 0

Everton 3, Luton 0

Southampton 1, Charlton 0

Sunderland 1, Bournemouth 1

Swindon 3, Bolton 3

English Division Three

Mansfield 4, Swansea 0

CCK, QMCC, Lanka Lions and New Pak sail through

A SPLENDID all-round performance by skipper Raees helped CCK enter semifinals of the India Tea Board-Trophy-CCK beat Rangers by 71 runs at the EPI ground. After winning the toss, CCK opted to bat first, opening their innings through Burhan and Riaz Mir. Riaz made 20 runs in 2 overs but fell to Vinod with the total at 35 runs. Burhan played patiently, kept the scoreboard moving until he was bowled individual score 25 by Vinod.

At this stage CCK were 60 for 2. Skipper Raees and Stewart put their heads down and lifted CCK to a respectable total of 167 without losing their wickets. Raees scored 64 and Stewart 49. Vinod of Rangers took both the wickets to fall.

Rangers started their innings on a high note and both the openers, Sajid and Khalid, took the score to 56 when Raees struck the first blow by uprooting Sajid's stump. Sajid made 33 runs.

Raees bowled very well and

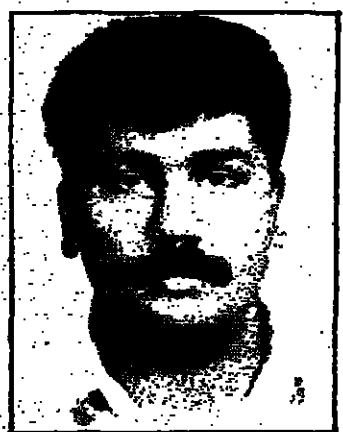
maintained a good line and length, not allowing Rangers' batsmen to dominate. Seven Rangers' batsmen could not open their account. Rangers slumped from 79 for 4 to 96 all out.

Raees was the most successful CCK bowler, taking 5 wickets giving away 17 runs. Riffat, Tariq, and Amanullah took one wicket each.

Quaid-e-Millat Cricket Club also scored an easy victory this week when they thrashed Morning Star by seven wickets in a Goodyear Trophy match, sponsored by Abdul Hadi Al Mailem and organised by YMCA, at the Riqqa ground on Friday.

Morning Star batted first but were restricted to 148 for six in their 22 overs. Aqueel Ashraf played well and scored 56.

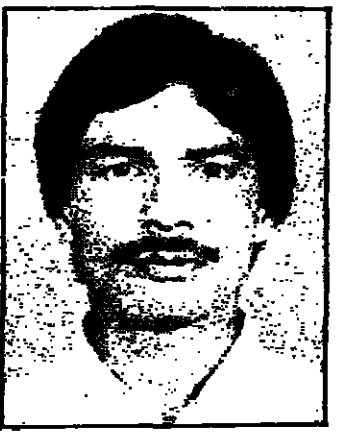
Iqbal and Ashraf opened the innings for QMCC and put on 81 runs for the first wicket before they were separated. Iqbal went on to score 77 with the help of a six and six fours as QMCC got



Iqbal: hit 72 for New Pak

the required runs in only 20 overs. Iqbal was later named Man of the Match.

An inspired display of bowling backed up by brilliant fielding enabled Lanka Lions Cricket Club (Jamil Al-Ghanim Est) to complete an easy 7-wicket victory over Prince C.C. in a Gulf Cricket League match at the EPI



Raees: 64 and five for 17

Grounds on Friday.

Barring first, Prince struggled from the start against hostile opening spells from Sajid and Dissanayake. Sajid bowled both openers with deliveries which swung in late to leave Prince precariously placed at 10 for 2 off 3 overs. Shahbaz and Ishfaq briefly showed signs of a

recovery before the former was smartly snapped up by Ershad at deep fine leg off Dissanayake.

When Sujith and Dissanayake completed their quota of 6 overs each, they had taken 4 for 21 and 2 for 21 respectively. Ishfaq was seventh out for 24 with the score on 50 to another marvellous catch by Dissanayake at deep midwicket. This time off occasional bowler Nimal, who also completed a caught and bowled to finish with 2 for 2 in 2 overs. Chula with his right-arm leg spin wiped out the tail with figures of 2 for 4 in 4 overs and Prince found themselves with a dismal 57 to defend at the end of their innings, which lasted 17 overs.

Lanka Lions were given a scare in the second over when two wickets fell for just 5 runs. But a patient knock of 28 not out by opener Samarasinghe, assisted by Nimal 11 and Dharmika 8 not out saw them through to their modest target. Iqbal with 2 for 17 and Azad 1 for 8 were the



Giants' Brett Butler takes a few warmup swings during the team's workout on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto).

World Series set to start

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25. (AP) The World Series now is scheduled to resume Friday at Candlestick Park after an 11-day gap between games, the longest delay in the history of the baseball championship.

The Oakland Athletics planned to practise today and tomorrow at Phoenix stadium in the state of Arizona, where they hold spring training.

A week after a devastating earthquake hit the bay area, Oakland and the San Francisco Giants worked out yesterday.

Oakland's decision to move to Phoenix was made after yesterday's workout by general manager Sandy Alderson.

"Sandy told the players this was their best chance to get ready," Oakland manager Tony La Russa said.

The A's started their season in Arizona in February and played their first exhibition game at Phoenix stadium on March 5.

The Giants will continue their workouts in San Francisco, where an aftershock of 4.5 on the Richter scale was registered yesterday. The aftershock, the latest of about 3,500 to hit the area since the quake, did not affect the teams nor the stadiums.

"We're feeling a lot better now because we know what's going on," Giants pitcher Kelly Downs said. "It would be real tough if they would've needed to delay it again. If that happened, I'm sure a lot of guys would feel that they should just cancel the World Series."

Candlestick Park is set to go for game 3 on Friday evening, San Francisco may or Art Agnos today certified the stadium as structurally sound.

"It's as safe as any facility can be, before or after an earthquake," he said.

The weather also seemed ready to co-operate. After a week of scattered showers, the National

Weather Service predicted clear skies for the weekend.

"As we're getting closer, I think it will be easier," Oakland pitcher Dave Stewart said. "It's like opening a present on Christmas Eve and then opening everything else the next morning. There's a growing sense of anticipation."

Stewart has found it difficult to concentrate on baseball, since the earthquake.

He spent some time visiting the hardest hit areas in Oakland and talking to rescue workers.

But Stewart's team is leading the series, and he eventually had to go back to work. The Oakland A's practised for the World Series a day after the quake.

Stewart stepped on the field at the Oakland Coliseum like it was a pool filled with cold water.

"I was just stunned," he said. "I grew up here and to see what happened was hard."

"The players are just like everybody else," Stewart said. "We needed time to recover, too. I think we're ready now."

Stewart, a 20-game winner three straight seasons and winner of game 1 of the series against San Francisco, is the A's scheduled starter against Scott Garretts on Friday. The A's lead the Giants 2-0 in the best-of-seven series.

"After working out so much, we're looking forward to playing," Stewart said. "This is like spring training."

Bob Welch was originally scheduled to pitch game 3 at Candlestick Park, followed by Storm Davis.

But La Russa decided to go with Stewart and Mike Moore in games 3 and 4.

"I don't want to say anything more on Storm Davis, turn the page," La Russa said.

"This was a tough situation for everyone," Stewart said. "I'd be disappointed if I lost a start, too."

Hill stops Kinchen in first round

BISMARCK, N.D., Oct. 25.

(Reuters) Virgil Hill unleashed a barrage of hooks that knocked fellow American James Kinchen out of the ring in the first round as he retained the World Boxing Association light heavyweight crown last night.

Kinchen climbed back into the ring before being counted out, but American referee Billy Yoham signalled the fight over two minutes 52 seconds into the opening round of the scheduled 12-round to keep Hill's record unblemished.

The undefeated Hill has won all 26 of his professional fights,

stopping 17 opponents inside the distance. Kinchen's record dropped to 44-7-2.

With 30 seconds left in the round, Kinchen missed with a round-house left and found himself turned around and somewhat off balance with his back to the corner.

"I think he was trying to throw an outside uppercut, which you should never do. I'm glad he did though," said a smiling Hill, 25.

With his opponent cornered, Hill immediately went to work and landed a straight, left-hand jab to Kinchen's face that stunned the challenger.

"He couldn't go either way without being hit," said the 1984 Olympic silver medalist after successfully defending his crown for the seventh time.

Hill, fighting before his hometown fans, connected with a furious series of right and left hooks to the head from point blank range that had the 31-year-old Kinchen doubled over but still on his feet.

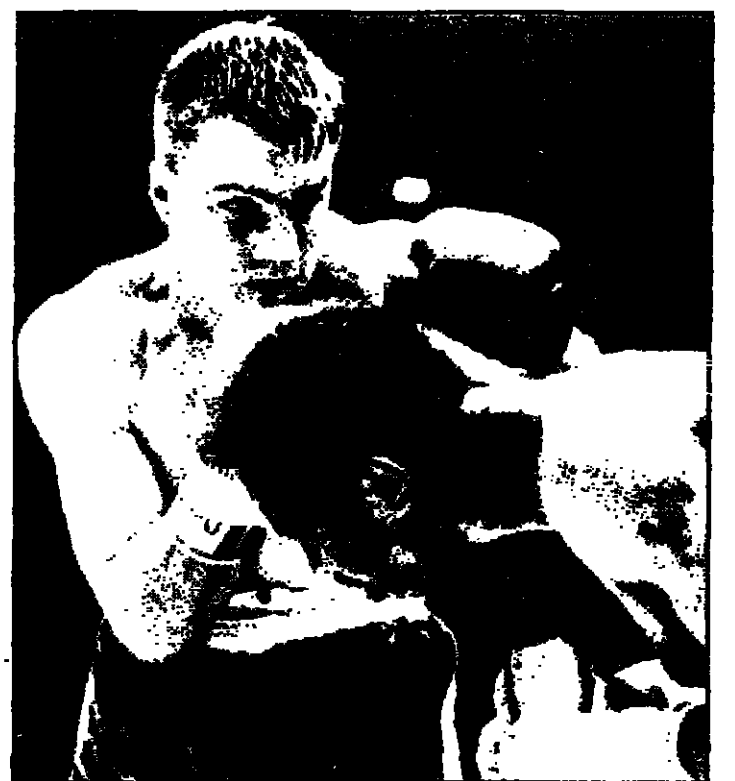
His biggest mistake may have been in not letting himself fall to the canvas because Hill then landed one last left hook that put the challenger through the ropes and out of the ring.

Montpellier to fire Cantona

MONTPELLIER, France, Oct. 25. (Reuters) Controversial French soccer star Eric Cantona is to be dismissed by Montpellier after being involved in a fight with a team-mate, a club source said today.

The moody international striker, who was banned from the French squad and from Marseille last season for temper tantrums, fought with defender Jean-Claude Lemoult after Montpellier's 1-0 League defeat at Lille on Saturday.

In the dressing rooms after the incident, club president Louis Nicollin, who took Cantona on a year's loan from Marseille this season, told the player he was fired, the source told Reuters.



Harding (left) hits Collins on the back of his head. (Reuters wirephoto).

Collins purse withheld

BRISBANE, Australia, Oct. 25. (Reuters) British boxer Tom Collins flew home today minus \$70,000 after promoters withheld his loser's purse in disgust at his performance in a World Boxing Council (WBC) title fight.

Collins, 34, refused to come out for the third round of a 12-round fight against WBC light-heavyweight champion Jeff Harding yesterday, saying a punch in the throat had knocked the stuffing out of his challenge.

Co-promoter Bob Arum slammed Collins for his attitude. "What Collins did was a disgrace to boxing but more importantly he deprived Harding of much-needed credibility," he said.

Collins, visibly upset by the furore, stuck to his version of events. "I don't dog (concede) fights. I had difficulty breathing and was concerned for my health. Even now I can hardly swallow," he said as he headed for home.

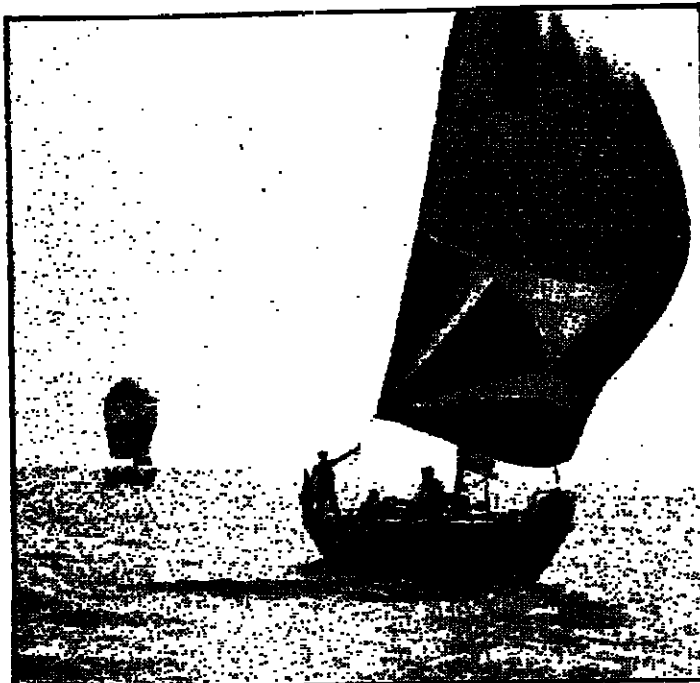
"I'm sorry for what happened, I was hurt. I went in there to take the title. I didn't go in just for the money."

Harding, who put Collins on the canvas in the first round, supported his opponent's claim that he had done his best.

SPORTS

Gambit grinds out long distance triumph

Red Viking wins Kosa regatta



Magic leads Why Not to the west mark.

THE Kosa Week regatta consisting of five races over eight days, was won comfortably by Red Viking. She took overall honours and was winner in Class 1. Why Not held off a very competitive challenge to win the points in Class 2.

The fifth and final race of the series, KW5, was staged this week. Gambit braved the conditions to take line honours and first place on handicap.

The race was scheduled as a long distance event and was designed to cover 40 miles between Shaab, Messilah Beach and the Masts mark. Fifteen knot southerly winds and choppy seas set the scene for a gruelling day's sailing.

The 8 am start on Friday was hotly contested by Gambit and Why Not. Shammal and Red Viking placed themselves in good positions by starting high to the wind. The former boat elected to go inshore by tacking onto port. Magic Flute had a

subdued start and Good Kompany was uncharacteristically late to the line.

The beat to the windward mark saw Red Viking take an early lead. Why Not was sailing well but was overtaken by Gambit after about 15 minutes. Magic Flute was obviously enjoying the heavy conditions and moved into third place.

After passing the first mark, Red Viking continued on the beat to Ras Salmiya. Gambit was twenty seconds behind but closing fast. Magic Flute was hanging in there nicely, and surprisingly Shammal was not up with the leaders, considering the prevailing wind and sea conditions.

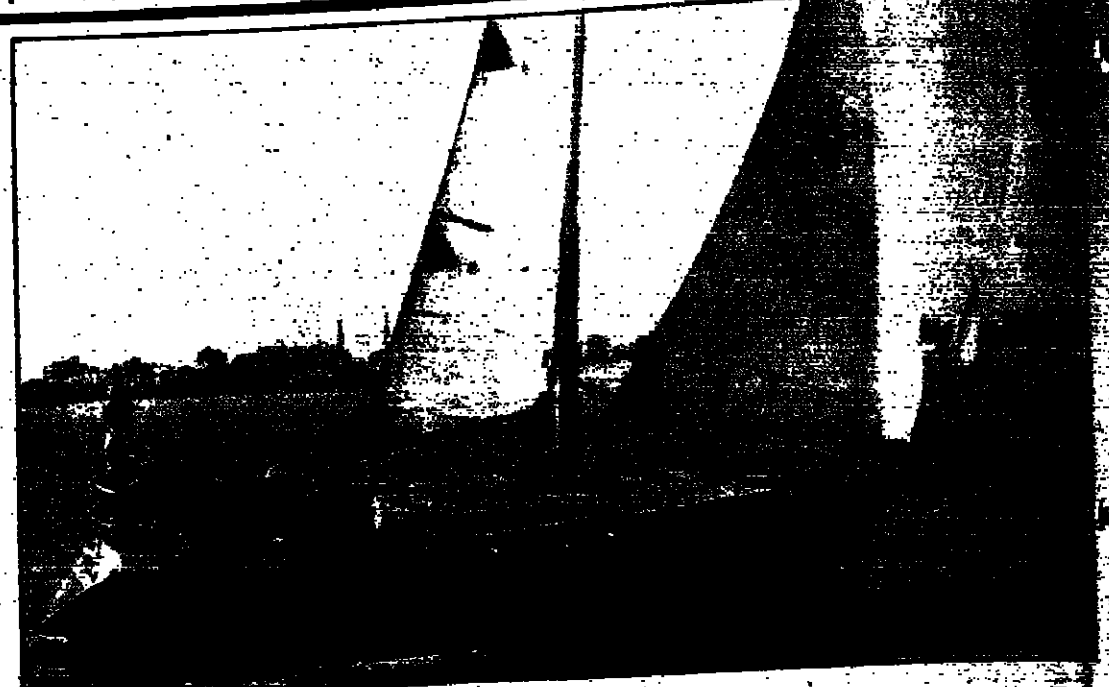
Gambit overtook Red Viking to windward about five hundred metres from the point. After slipping between the local fishing community the fleet tacked onto port and made for Messilah Beach.

After reaching Al Bida in one

tack it became necessary to tack offshore to find deeper water. All yachts put in about six tacks before making Messilah Beach. Gambit maintained a steady but narrow lead of about two minutes over Red Viking. Magic Flute and Shammal were having a close battle for third place a further five minutes behind.

The Kosa fleet converged on the Messilah Beach mark just as the Messilah Laser Yacht Club were conducting its Open race pre-start manoeuvres. The sight of six big yachts storming down amongst the twenty strong Laser fleet was quite a spectacle. After sorting out the various Port/Starboard challenges, Kosa managed to round the mark and sailed off to the Masts buoy.

Gambit traditionally enjoys a Fetchleg (sixty degrees off the wind) and widened her margin to Red Viking considerably. Magic Flute which followed



Red Viking prepares to start KW5.

Shammal around the Messilah Beach mark cheekily overtook her to leeward. Why Not ploughed through the wash and were about five minutes further afield.

After completing the seven mile leg, Gambit rounded Masts buoy, gybed to Port and hoisted a spinnaker for the run to the West mark. Red Viking was ten minutes behind at the mark. Shammal overtook Magic Flute at masts when the latter boat failed to make the mark.

The run to west taxed the helmsmans skill in minimising boat-roll as the wind fell off and the odd gust complicated boat handling. Gambit set her genoa and dropped her spinnaker before rounding West with a seven minute advantage over Red Viking.

Shammal arrived at the mark ten minutes behind Red Viking and ten minutes ahead of Magic Flute. Why Not was performing well and moved ahead of Magic Flute which had trouble dropping her spinnaker at the mark.

The beat back to masts

proved to be a vicious affair; a one and one half knot flood tide reduced effective boat speeds to about three and one half knots. The wind had steadied to a brisk fifteen knots and lumpy seas tested crew morale.

The Gambit crew decided on tactics that called for many short tacks to ensure that she kept a good cover on the manoeuvres of rival boats. The tide at masts was now particularly strong and caused Gambit to lose valuable time by having to make an additional tack to reach the mark. Red Viking also had difficulty rounding the mark and allowed Gambit's lead to increase to fifteen minutes.

Magic Flute again demonstrated her beating skills by overtaking both Why Not and Shammal. Shammal had spent a long time on Port tack which did not appear to be a wise tactic. Both yachts converged on masts together but as the inside boat, Shammal made a tighter rounding and regained the lead.

The race for bell buoy and the finish line was a lightning

faster affair compared to the previous beat. With the assisting and spinnakers flying yachts were able to make seven and one half knots boat speed.

Gambit tacked downwind on starboard - before giving onto port and the finish. She increased her lead to win KW5 by twenty one minutes. Elapsed time was one minute under eight hours.

Red Viking finished in second place, ten minutes ahead of Shammal which in turn finished seven minutes in front of Magic Flute.

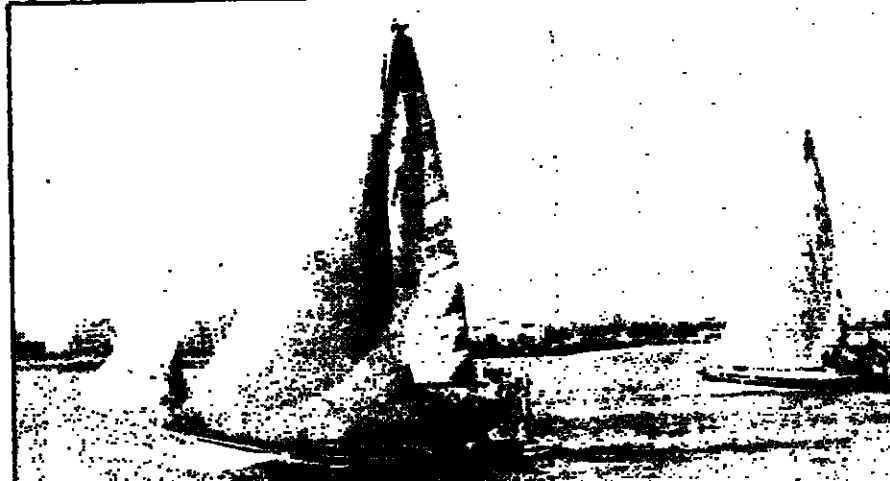
Results KW5: 1st Gambit, 2nd Red Viking, 3rd Magic Flute.

Kosa Week series results are as follows:
Winner Class 1 — Red Viking
Winner Class 2 — Why Not
Overall Winner — Red Viking
Overall second — Gambit.

The Kosa Winter Series will commence on November 3 and run through to mid-December. The Kosa committee is actively seeking corporate sponsorship and is currently negotiating with interested parties. An announcement is expected soon!

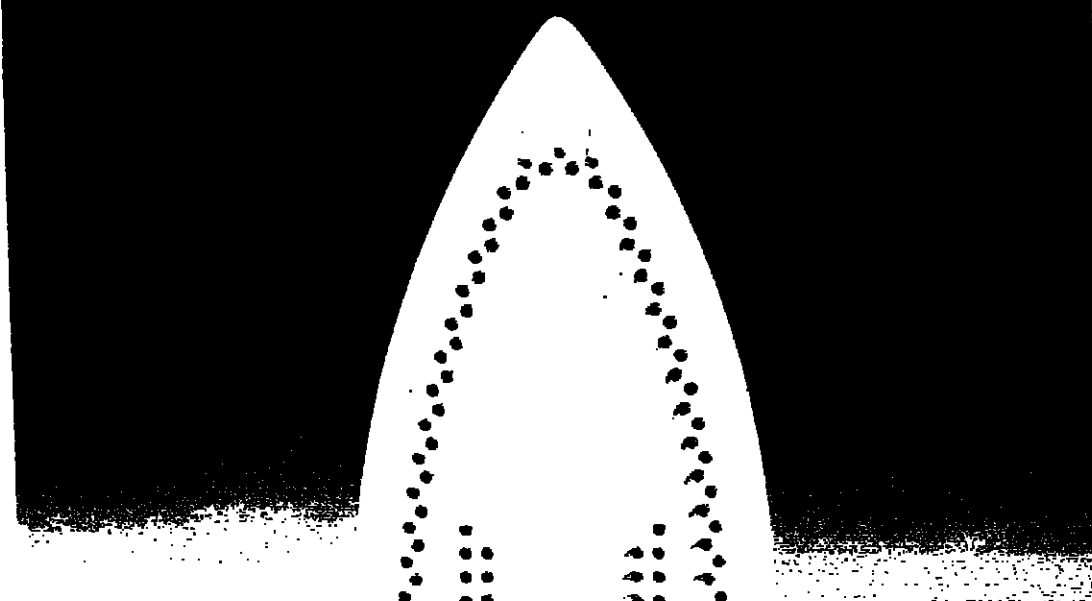


Gambit crashes through the chop during Friday's long distance race.



Seconds after the start, Shammal (left) tacks, Why Not (centre) and Magic Flute maintain their course.

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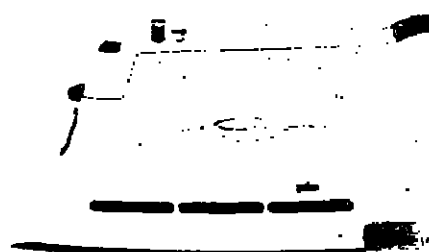
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